



University of Antwerp
| Faculty of Applied
Engineering

Constraints on GP Predictions

Not so normal after all

dr. Ivan De Boi

8 September 2025

Camera system development



Automation



Prototype development



Camera integration

Advanced camera technologies

- UV → 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



Camera simulation

1. The problem with vanilla GPs

The problem with vanilla GPs

The posterior is a GP!!!

The problem with vanilla GPs

The posterior is a GP!!!

Problem locally: A prediction at \mathbf{x} is a Gaussian distribution, ranging from -1 to $+1$. What about velocities, weights, heights, concentrations in %, ... ?

The problem with vanilla GPs

The posterior is a GP!!!

Problem locally: A prediction at \mathbf{x} is a Gaussian distribution, ranging from -1 to $+1$. What about velocities, weights, heights, concentrations in %, ... ?

Problem globally: Kernel determines shape of the functions. Samples from posterior don't automatically obey monotonicity, convexity, boundary conditions, differential equations (heat, forces, ...), ...

The problem with vanilla GPs

The posterior is a GP!!!

Problem locally: A prediction at \mathbf{x} is a Gaussian distribution, ranging from -1 to $+1$. What about velocities, weights, heights, concentrations in %, ... ?

Problem globally: Kernel determines shape of the functions. Samples from posterior don't automatically obey monotonicity, convexity, boundary conditions, differential equations (heat, forces, ...), ...

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?

The problem with vanilla GPs

The posterior is a GP!!!

Problem locally: A prediction at \mathbf{x} is a Gaussian distribution, ranging from -1 to $+1$. What about velocities, weights, heights, concentrations in %, ... ?

Problem globally: Kernel determines shape of the functions. Samples from posterior don't automatically obey monotonicity, convexity, boundary conditions, differential equations (heat, forces, ...), ...

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?**

2. Problem Locally - Bound Constraints

Bound Constraints

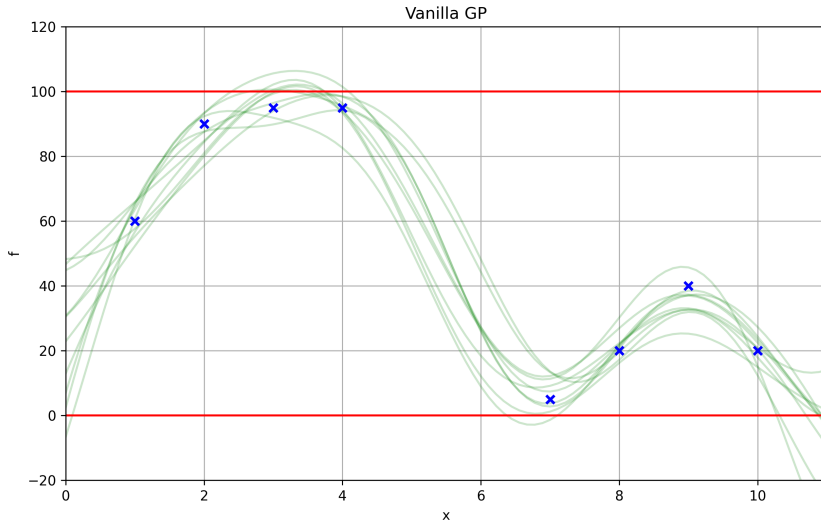
$$a \quad f(x) \quad b$$

Bound Constraints

$$0 \leq f(x) \leq 100$$

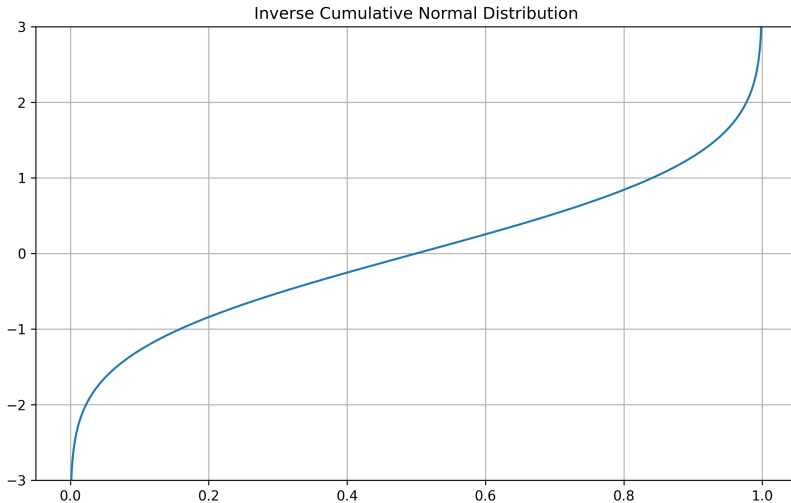
Bound Constraints

0 $f(x)$ 100



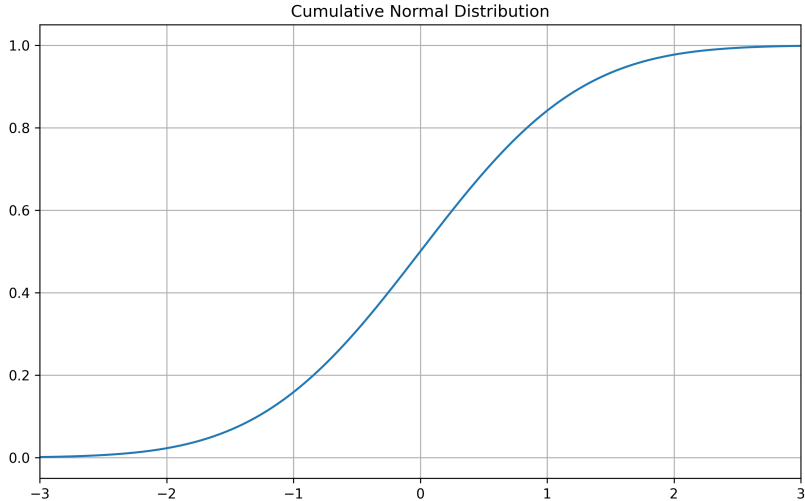
Bound Constraints - Warping

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



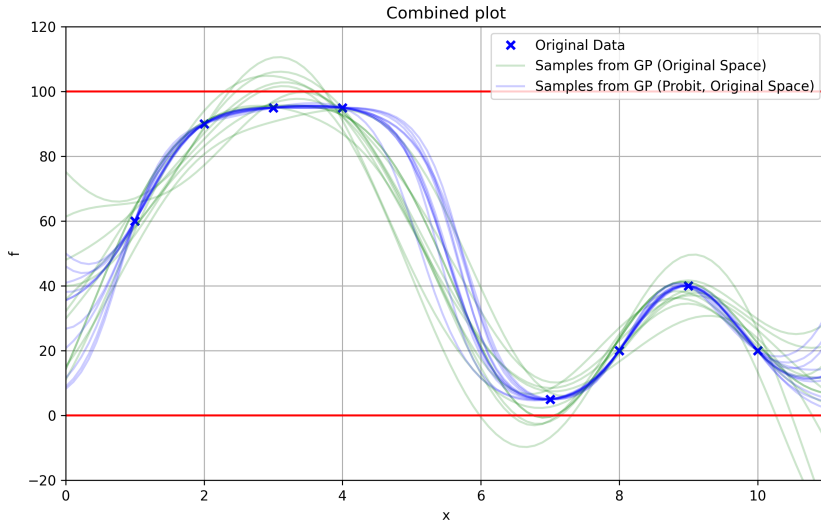
Bound Constraints - Warping

train GP on $f(x_i; u_i)g$, warp prediction back via



Bound Constraints - Warping

$$0 \leq f(x) \leq 100$$



Bound Constraints - Likelihood Tinkering

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

3. Problem Globally - Differential Equation Constraints

Differential Equation Constraints with Data

$Lu = f$, with data on u and f , and L linear partial differential operator

$$u \sim GP(m(\mathbf{x}); k(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}^0))$$

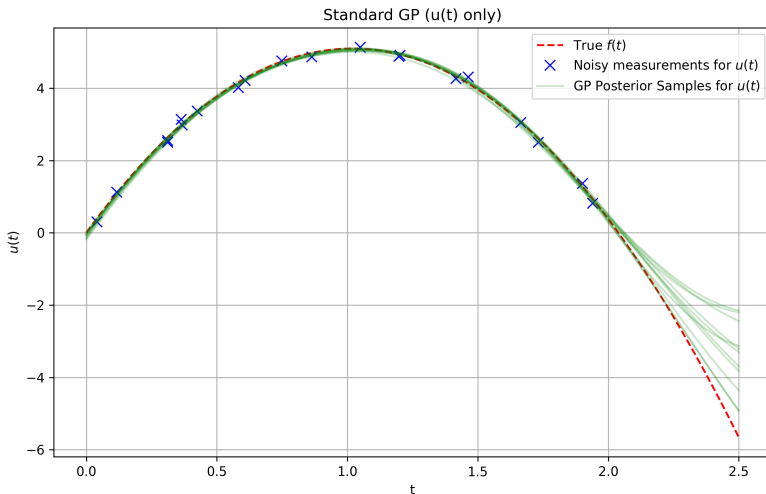
$$Lu \sim GP(L_{\mathbf{x}}m(\mathbf{x}); L_{\mathbf{x}}L_{\mathbf{x}^0}k(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}^0))$$

$$\begin{matrix} u(X_1) \\ f(X_2) \end{matrix} \sim GP \begin{matrix} m(X_1) \\ Lm(X_2) \end{matrix} ; \begin{matrix} K_{11}(X_1; X_1) & K_{12}(X_1; X_2) \\ K_{21}(X_2; X_1) & K_{22}(X_2; X_2) \end{matrix}$$

$$k \begin{matrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{matrix} ; \begin{matrix} \mathbf{x}_1^0 \\ \mathbf{x}_2^0 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} k(\mathbf{x}_1; \mathbf{x}_1^0) \\ L_{\mathbf{x}}k(\mathbf{x}_2; \mathbf{x}_1^0) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} L_{\mathbf{x}^0}k(\mathbf{x}_1; \mathbf{x}_2^0) \\ L_{\mathbf{x}}L_{\mathbf{x}^0}k(\mathbf{x}_2; \mathbf{x}_2^0) \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} K_{11} & K_{12} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} \end{matrix}$$

Differential Equation Constraints with Data

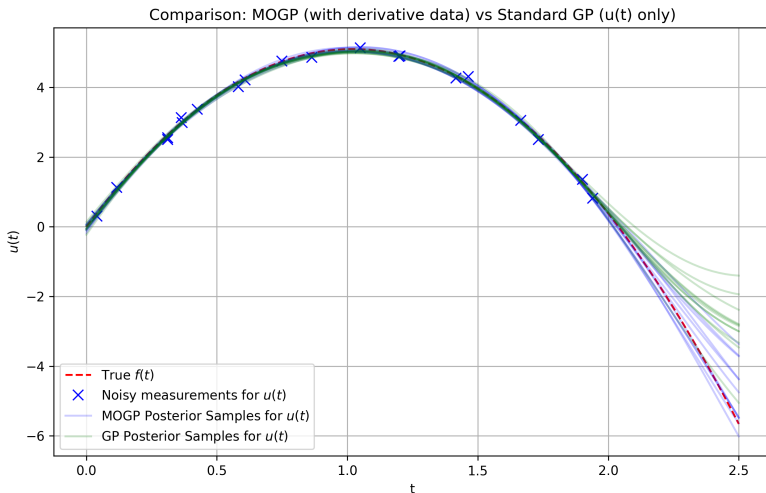
Kick a ball: height $u(t) = at - \frac{g}{2}t^2$ for some unknown a .
We observe u_i .



Differential Equation Constraints with Data

Kick a ball: height $u(t) = at - \frac{g}{2}t^2$ for some unknown a .

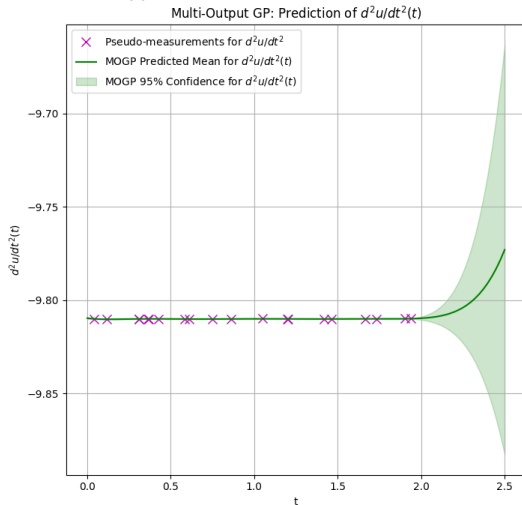
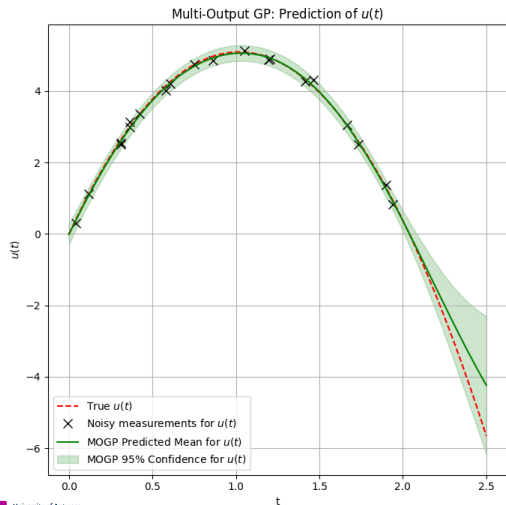
We observe u_i and know $f(t) = \frac{d^2u}{dt^2} = -g = f_i$.



Differential Equation Constraints with Data

Kick a ball: height $u(t) = at - \frac{g}{2}t^2$ for some unknown a .

We observe u_i and know $f(t) = \frac{d^2u}{dt^2} = -g = f_i$.



Monotonicity Constraint

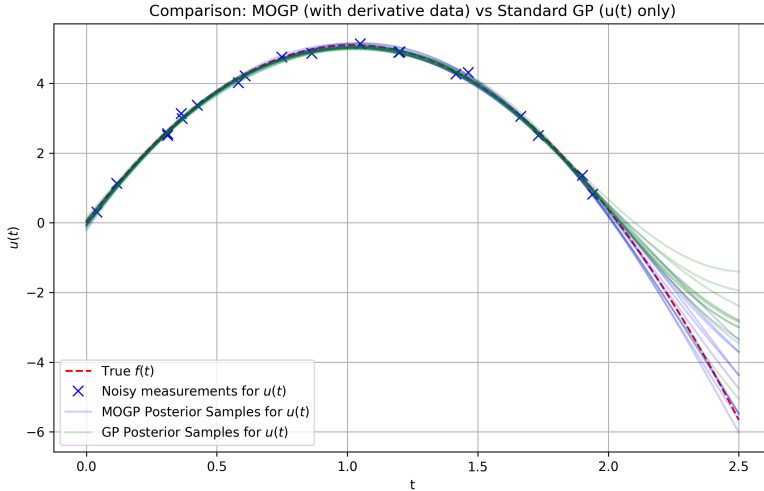
$$\frac{df}{dt} > 0$$

Convexity Constraint

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

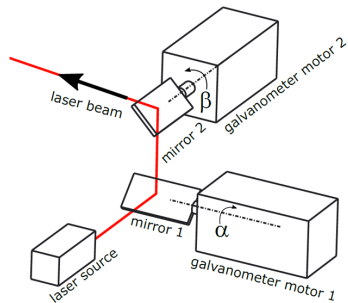
Concavity Constraint

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

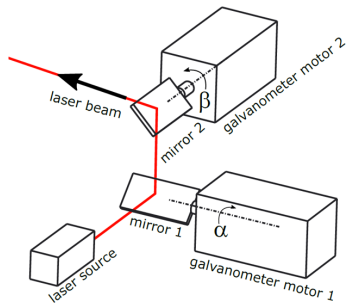


4. Problem Multi-Output - e.g. Predict Lines in 3D

Galvanometric Laser Scanner

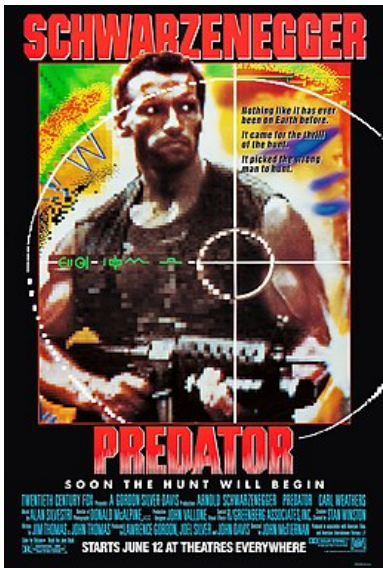


Galvanometric Laser Scanner

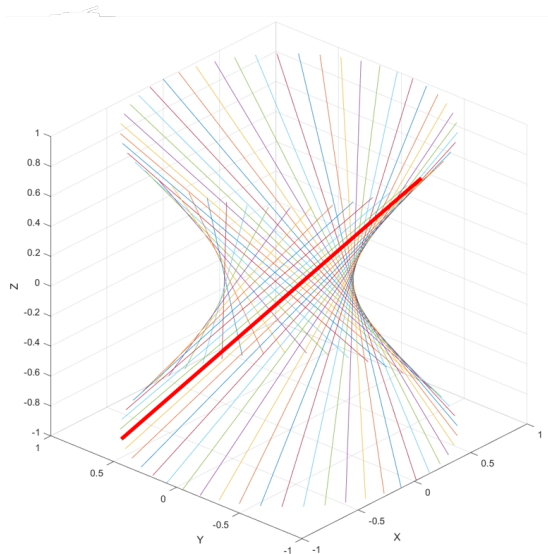


(;) ! L

Predator



Hyperboloid



Hyperboloids



Hyperboloid Bridge

Corporation Street Bridge



Coordinates

 [53°29'01"N 2°14'36"W](#)

Crosses

[Corporation Street](#)

Locale

[Manchester, England](#)

Plücker Coordinates

Plücker Coordinates

L given by moment

\mathbf{m} and direction $\mathbf{d} : (l_1 : l_2 : l_3 : l_4 : l_5 : l_6) \in \mathbb{P}^5$
 $\mathbf{m} \perp \mathbf{d} \Rightarrow l_1 l_4 + l_2 l_5 + l_3 l_6 = 0$ (Grassmann-Plücker relationship)

Plücker Coordinates



L given by moment \mathbf{m} and direction $\mathbf{d} : (l_1 : l_2 : l_3 : l_4 : l_5 : l_6) \in \mathbb{P}^5$
 $\mathbf{m} \perp \mathbf{d} \Rightarrow l_1 l_4 + l_2 l_5 + l_3 l_6 = 0$ (Grassmann-Plücker relationship)
 $L \in M_2^4$ (Klein Quadric) \mathbb{P}^5

Parallel GPs screw this up

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_1}{!} l_1$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_2}{!} l_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_3}{!} l_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_4}{!} l_4$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_5}{!} l_5$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_6}{!} l_6$$

Parallel GPs screw this up

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_1}{!} l_1$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_2}{!} l_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_3}{!} l_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_4}{!} l_4$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_5}{!} l_5$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_6}{!} l_6$$

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

Parallel GPs screw this up

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_1}{!} l_1$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_2}{!} l_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_3}{!} l_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_4}{!} l_4$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_5}{!} l_5$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \overset{GP_6}{!} l_6$$

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

$l_1 l_4 + l_2 l_5 + l_3 l_6 \notin 0$) $(l_1 : l_2 : l_3 : l_4 : l_5 : l_6)$ 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 (;)

Periodic kernel in general:

$$k(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}^0) = \frac{2}{f} \exp \left(-\frac{2}{\lambda^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{j\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^0 j}{p} \right) \right)$$

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

$$k_{PER}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}^0) = \frac{2}{f} \exp \left(-\frac{2}{\lambda^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{j}{2} \right) \right) \exp \left(-\frac{2}{\lambda^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{j}{2} \right) \right) !$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector \mathbf{d}

$(;)! \mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector \mathbf{d}

$(;) ! \mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, constraint: $\|\mathbf{d}\| = 1; \mathbf{d} \in S^2$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$(;)! d \in \mathbb{R}^3$, constraint: $\|d\| = 1; d \in \mathbb{S}^2$

New kernel for $x = (; ; \text{dim})$, with $\text{dim} \in \{1; 2; 3\}$:

$$k_{\text{PER3D}}(x; x^0) = \begin{cases} k_{\text{PER}}([;]; [^0; ^0]); & \text{for dim} = \text{dim}^0 \\ 0 & \text{for dim} \neq \text{dim}^0 \end{cases}$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$(;) ! d \in \mathbb{R}^3$, constraint: $\|d\| = 1; d \in \mathbb{S}^2$

New kernel for $x = (; ; \text{dim})$, with $\text{dim} \in \{1, 2, 3\}$:

$$k_{\text{PER3D}}(x; x^0) = \begin{cases} k_{\text{PER}}([\ ; \]; [\ ^0; \ ^0]); & \text{for dim} = \text{dim}^0 \\ 0 & \text{for dim} \neq \text{dim}^0 \end{cases}$$

$$f_1 : x = \cos(\) \sin(\);$$

$$f_2 : y = \sin(\) \sin(\);$$

$$f_3 : z = \cos(\)$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$(;)! d \in \mathbb{R}^3$, constraint: $\|d\| = 1; d \in \mathbb{S}^2$

New kernel for $x = (; ; \text{dim})$, with $\text{dim} \in \{1, 2, 3\}$:

$$k_{\text{PER3D}}(x; x^0) = \begin{cases} k_{\text{PER}}([\ ; \]; [\ ^0, \ ^0]); & \text{for dim} = \text{dim}^0 \\ 0 & \text{for dim} \neq \text{dim}^0 \end{cases}$$

$$f_1 : x = \cos(\) \sin(\);$$

$$f_2 : y = \sin(\) \sin(\);$$

$$f_3 : z = \cos(\)$$

$$f_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_3} = 0$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$$f_1 \quad \frac{a_2}{a_1} + \frac{a_3}{a_1} = 0$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$$f_1 \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} = 0, \quad F_x[f(x)] = 0$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$$f_1 \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} = 0, \quad F_x[f(x)] = 0, \quad G_x[g(x)] = f(x)$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$$f_1 \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} = 0, \quad F_x[f(x)] = 0, \quad G_x[g(x)] = f(x), \quad F_x[G_x[g(x)]] = 0,$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$$f_1 \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} = 0, \quad F_x[f(x)] = 0, \quad G_x[g(x)] = f(x), \quad F_x[G_x[g(x)]] = 0,$$

$$g(x) = GP(g; k_g); \quad f(x) = G_x g(x) = GP(G_x g; G_x k_g G_x^T)$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$$f_1 \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} = 0, \quad F_x[f(x)] = 0, \quad G_x[g(x)] = f(x), \quad F_x[G_x[g(x)]] = 0,$$

$$g(x) \quad \text{GP} (g; k_g); \quad f(x) = G_x g(x) \quad \text{GP} (G_x g; G_x k_g G_x^T)$$

$$F_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}; \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}$$

$$G_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T; \quad F_x G_x = 0$$

$$G_x G_x^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$$x = (; ; \text{dim}), \text{ with dim} \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$k_{\text{PER3D}}(x; x^0) = \begin{cases} k_{\text{PER}}([;]; [^0; ^0]); & \text{for dim} = \text{dim}^0 \\ 0 & \text{for dim} \neq \text{dim}^0 \end{cases}$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$x = (; ; \text{dim})$, with $\text{dim} \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$k_{\text{PER3D}}(x; x^0) = \begin{cases} k_{\text{PER}}([;]; [0; 0]); & \text{for } \text{dim} = \text{dim}^0 \\ 0 & \text{for } \text{dim} \neq \text{dim}^0 \end{cases}$$

$$k_{\text{COM}}(x; x^0) = \frac{2}{r} \exp \left[\frac{2}{l^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \exp \left[\frac{2}{l^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta^0}{2} \right] \exp \left[\frac{(\text{dim} - \text{dim}^0)^2}{2} \right] !$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$$k_{DIF} = G_x k_{COM} G_x^T = \begin{bmatrix} A & B & C \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} k_{COM};$$

in which, with $\theta = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ (for brevity in notation),

$$A = \frac{\sin^2(\theta) \cos^2(\theta)}{l^4} + \frac{\cos^2(\theta)}{l^2} - \frac{\sin^2(\theta)}{l^2};$$

$$B = \frac{2}{l^2} \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta);$$

$$C = \frac{2}{l^2} \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

Unit Norm for Direction Vector d

$$k_{DIF} = G_x k_{COM} G_x^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & A & B & 0 \\ 4 & C & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} k_{COM};$$

in which, with $\theta = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ (for brevity in notation),

$$A = \frac{\sin^2(\theta) \cos^2(\theta)}{l^4} + \frac{\cos^2(\theta)}{l^2} - \frac{\sin^2(\theta)}{l^2};$$

$$B = \frac{2}{l^2} \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta);$$

$$C = \frac{2}{l^2} \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

$$(\theta; \alpha) \quad d \in S^2$$

$$f(x) = G_x g(x) \quad GP \quad (G_x \quad g; G_x k_g G_x^T)$$

6. Grassmann-Plücker Relationship: $|1|_4 + |2|_5 + |3|_6 = 0$

Linear Constraint in general

A set of training examples $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ that satisfy the linear constraints $A y_i = b$ will result in a GP for which the mean prediction $\mu(x)$ also satisfies $A \mu(x) = b$.

Linear Constraint in general

A set of training examples $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ that satisfy the linear constraints $A y_i = b$ will result in a GP for which the mean prediction $\mu(x)$ also satisfies $A \mu(x) = b$.

$$\mu(x) = m_0(x) + K(x; X) K(X; X)^{-1} (y - m(X))$$

Quadratic Constraint

m ? d) $l_1l_4 + l_2l_5 + l_3l_6 = 0$, quadratic in l_i , but linear in $l_i l_j$

Quadratic Constraint

m ? d) $l_1 l_4 + l_2 l_5 + l_3 l_6 = 0$, quadratic in l_i , but linear in $l_i l_j$

Let $z = (l_1; l_2; l_3; l_4; l_5; l_6)$ and $Q = z^T z =$

	2					3
	$l_1 l_1$	$l_1 l_2$	$l_1 l_3$	$l_1 l_4$	$l_1 l_5$	$l_1 l_6$
6	$l_2 l_1$	$l_2 l_2$	$l_2 l_3$	$l_2 l_4$	$l_2 l_5$	$l_2 l_6$
6	$l_3 l_1$	$l_3 l_2$	$l_3 l_3$	$l_3 l_4$	$l_3 l_5$	$l_3 l_6$
4	$l_4 l_1$	$l_4 l_2$	$l_4 l_3$	$l_4 l_4$	$l_4 l_5$	$l_4 l_6$
6	$l_5 l_1$	$l_5 l_2$	$l_5 l_3$	$l_5 l_4$	$l_5 l_5$	$l_5 l_6$
6	$l_6 l_1$	$l_6 l_2$	$l_6 l_3$	$l_6 l_4$	$l_6 l_5$	$l_6 l_6$
						5

Quadratic Constraint

m ? d) $l_1l_4 + l_2l_5 + l_3l_6 = 0$, quadratic in l_i , but linear in $l_i l_j$

Let $z = (l_1; l_2; l_3; l_4; l_5; l_6)$ and $Q = z^T z =$

2	l_1l_1	l_1l_2	l_1l_3	l_1l_4	l_1l_5	l_1l_6	3
6	l_2l_1	l_2l_2	l_2l_3	l_2l_4	l_2l_5	l_2l_6	7
6	l_3l_1	l_3l_2	l_3l_3	l_3l_4	l_3l_5	l_3l_6	7
4	l_4l_1	l_4l_2	l_4l_3	l_4l_4	l_4l_5	l_4l_6	7
6	l_5l_1	l_5l_2	l_5l_3	l_5l_4	l_5l_5	l_5l_6	7
6	l_6l_1	l_6l_2	l_6l_3	l_6l_4	l_6l_5	l_6l_6	5

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

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

Quadratic Constraint

m ? d) $l_1l_4 + l_2l_5 + l_3l_6 = 0$, quadratic in l_i , but linear in $l_i l_j$

Let $z = (l_1; l_2; l_3; l_4; l_5; l_6)$ and $Q = z^T z =$

2	l_1l_1	l_1l_2	l_1l_3	l_1l_4	l_1l_5	l_1l_6	3
3	l_2l_1	l_2l_2	l_2l_3	l_2l_4	l_2l_5	l_2l_6	4
4	l_3l_1	l_3l_2	l_3l_3	l_3l_4	l_3l_5	l_3l_6	5
5	l_4l_1	l_4l_2	l_4l_3	l_4l_4	l_4l_5	l_4l_6	6
6	l_5l_1	l_5l_2	l_5l_3	l_5l_4	l_5l_5	l_5l_6	7
7	l_6l_1	l_6l_2	l_6l_3	l_6l_4	l_6l_5	l_6l_6	8

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

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

Formulate 2×210 as the concatenation of upper triangular elements

$$y = [Q_{11}; \dots; Q_{ij}; \dots; Q_{66}]^T; \text{ with } i \leq j$$

Quadratic Constraint

m ? d) $l_1 l_4 + l_2 l_5 + l_3 l_6 = 0$, quadratic in l_i , but linear in $l_i l_j$

Let $z = (l_1; l_2; l_3; l_4; l_5; l_6)$ and $Q = z^T z =$

2	$l_1 l_1$	$l_1 l_2$	$l_1 l_3$	$l_1 l_4$	$l_1 l_5$	$l_1 l_6$	3
3	$l_2 l_1$	$l_2 l_2$	$l_2 l_3$	$l_2 l_4$	$l_2 l_5$	$l_2 l_6$	4
4	$l_3 l_1$	$l_3 l_2$	$l_3 l_3$	$l_3 l_4$	$l_3 l_5$	$l_3 l_6$	5
5	$l_4 l_1$	$l_4 l_2$	$l_4 l_3$	$l_4 l_4$	$l_4 l_5$	$l_4 l_6$	6
6	$l_5 l_1$	$l_5 l_2$	$l_5 l_3$	$l_5 l_4$	$l_5 l_5$	$l_5 l_6$	7
7	$l_6 l_1$	$l_6 l_2$	$l_6 l_3$	$l_6 l_4$	$l_6 l_5$	$l_6 l_6$	8

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

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

Formulate $Q \in R^{21}$ as the concatenation of upper triangular elements

$$y = [Q_{11}; \dots; Q_{ij}; \dots; Q_{66}]^T; \text{ with } i \leq j$$

$x = (x_1; \dots; x_{21})$, with $\dim x = 21$

Quadratic Constraint

$Ay_i = b$, two constraints: $l_1l_1 + l_2l_2 + l_3l_3 = 1$; $l_1l_4 + l_2l_5 + l_3l_6 = 0$

Quadratic Constraint

We don't want the 21D $(x) = y$, but the 6D z .

Quadratic Constraint

We don't want the 21D $(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$, but the 6D \mathbf{z} .

Problem: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ ($\mathbf{y} \in H_1 \setminus H_2$ in \mathbb{R}^{21} (one hyperplane for every row in \mathbf{A}))

Quadratic Constraint

We don't want the 21D $(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$, but the 6D \mathbf{z} .

Problem: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ ($\mathbf{y} \in H1 \setminus H2$ in \mathbb{R}^{21} (one hyperplane for every row in \mathbf{A})
 $\dim(H1 \setminus H2) = 21 - 1 - 1 = 19$, $\dim(V_{52}(P^5)) = 5$

Quadratic Constraint

We don't want the 21D $(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$, but the 6D \mathbf{z} .

Problem: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ ($\mathbf{y} \in H1 \setminus H2$ in \mathbb{R}^{21} (one hyperplane for every row in \mathbf{A}))

$\dim(H1 \setminus H2) = 21 - 1 - 1 = 19$, $\dim(V_{52}(\mathbb{P}^5)) = 5$

$\mathcal{Q}\mathbf{y} \in V_{52}(\mathbb{P}^5)$, let alone corresponding to point \mathbf{a} on M_2^4 in \mathbb{P}^5 !

Quadratic Constraint

We don't want the 21D $(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$, but the 6D \mathbf{z} .

Problem: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ ($\mathbf{y} \in H1 \setminus H2$ in \mathbb{R}^{21} (one hyperplane for every row in \mathbf{A}))

$\dim(H1 \setminus H2) = 21 - 1 - 1 = 19$, $\dim(V_{52}(\mathbb{P}^5)) = 5$

$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{y}} \in V_{52}(\mathbb{P}^5)$, let alone corresponding to point a on M_2^4 in \mathbb{P}^5 !

E.g.: (1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 666 0)

Quadratic Constraint

We don't want the 21D $(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$, but the 6D \mathbf{z} .

Problem: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ ($\mathbf{y} \in H1 \setminus H2$ in \mathbb{R}^{21} (one hyperplane for every row in \mathbf{A}))

$\dim(H1 \setminus H2) = 21 - 1 - 1 = 19$, $\dim(V_{52}(\mathbb{P}^5)) = 5$

$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{y}} \in V_{52}(\mathbb{P}^5)$, let alone corresponding to point a on M_2^4 in \mathbb{P}^5 !

E.g.: (1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 666 0)

$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{z}$ needs to be rank 1.

Quadratic Constraint

We don't want the 21D $(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$, but the 6D \mathbf{z} .

Problem: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ ($\mathbf{y} \in H1 \setminus H2$ in \mathbb{R}^{21} (one hyperplane for every row in \mathbf{A}))
 $\dim(H1 \setminus H2) = 21 - 1 - 1 = 19$, $\dim(V_{52}(P^5)) = 5$

$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{y}} \in V_{52}(P^5)$, let alone corresponding to point \mathbf{a} on M_2^4 in P^5 !

E.g.: (1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 666 0)

$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{z}$ needs to be rank 1.

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_6 \\ y_2 & y_7 & y_{11} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ y_6 & y_{11} & y_{21} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^T$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}(:,1)$$

No free lunch

$$O(n^3)$$

No free lunch

$$O(n^3)$$

$$n = 81 \Rightarrow n^3 = 1701$$

No free lunch

$$O(n^3)$$

$$n = 81 \Rightarrow n^3 = 531441$$

6 2D GPs, 6 predictions per line

)

1 3D GP, 21 predictions per line plus SVD

The problem with vanilla GPs

The posterior is a GP!!!

Problem locally: A prediction at \mathbf{x} is a Gaussian distribution, ranging from -1 to $+1$. What about velocities, weights, heights, concentrations in %, ... ?

Problem globally: Kernel determines shape of the functions. Samples from posterior don't automatically obey monotonicity, convexity, boundary conditions, differential equations (heat, forces, ...), ...

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?**

Further reading

- Swiler, L. P., Gulian, M., Frankel, A. L., Safta, C., & Jakeman, J. D. (2020). **A survey of constrained Gaussian process regression: Approaches and implementation challenges.** Journal of Machine Learning for Modeling and Computing, 1(2).
- Salzmann, M., & Urtasun, R. (2010). **Implicitly constrained Gaussian process regression for monocular non-rigid pose estimation.** Advances in neural information processing systems, 23.
- De Boi, I., Sels, S., De Moor, O., Vanlanduit, S., & Penne, R. (2022). **Input and output manifold constrained Gaussian process regression for galvanometric setup calibration.** IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement, 71, 1-8.



ivan.deboi@uantwerpen.be