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Engineering design under uncertainty using expensive-to-evaluate numerical models

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Computer-simulation based design

- The numerical model might be time- or resource-consuming
- Design parameters might be subject to dispersions
- The system might operate under unknown conditions
Computer-simulation based design – Example

- Computer simulations to design a product or a process, in particular
  - to find the best feasible values for design parameters (optimization problem)
  - to minimize the probability of failure of a product

- To comply with European emissions standards, the design parameters of combustion engines have to be carefully optimized

- The shape of intake ports controls airflow characteristics, which have direct impact on
  - the performances of the engine
  - emissions of $\text{NO}_x$ and $\text{CO}$

- $f : X \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ performance as a function of design parameters ($d = 20 \sim 100$)

- Computing $f(x)$ takes $5 \sim 20$ hours

- Objective: estimate $x^* = \arg\max_X f(x)$

Simulation of an intake port (Navier-Stokes equ.) (courtesy of Renault)
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For simplification → drop $u$
Black-box modeling

- Let \( f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) be a real function defined on \( \mathbb{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \), where
  - \( \mathbb{X} \) is the input/parameter domain of the computer simulation under study, or the factor (from Latin, “which acts”) space
  - \( f \) is a performance or cost function (a function of the outputs of the computer simulation)
Black-box modeling

Let $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in \mathbb{X}$ be $n$ simulations points

Denote by $z_1 = f(x_1), \ldots, z_n = f(x_n)$ the corresp. simulation results (observations/evaluations of $f$)

Our objective: use the data $\mathcal{D}_n = (x_i, z_i)_{i=1 \ldots n}$ to infer properties about $f$

Example: given a new $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, predict the value $f(x)$
Black-box modeling

- $f$ is a black-box, only known through evaluation results: query an evaluation at $x$, observe the result
- Predict the value of $f$ at a given $x$?
  - the problem is that of constructing an approximation / an estimator $\hat{f}_n$ of $f$ from $D_n$
- Such a $\hat{f}_n$ also called a model or a meta-model (because the numerical simulator is a model itself) of $f$
A simple curve fitting problem

- Suppose that we are given a data set of $n$ simulation results, i.e., evaluations results of an unknown function $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$, at points $x_1, \ldots, x_n$.

- A data set of size $n = 8$:
A simple curve fitting problem

- Any approximation procedure of $f$ consists in building a function $\hat{f}_n = h(\cdot; \theta)$ where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^l$ is a vector of parameters, to be estimated from $\mathcal{D}_n$ and available prior information.

- Fundamental example: linear model

$$\hat{f}_n(x) = h(x, \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{l} \theta_i r_i(x)$$

where functions $r_i : \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{R}$ are called regressors (e.g., $r_1(x) = 1$, $r_2(x) = x$, $r_3(x) = x^2$ ... → polynomial model).

- Most classical method to obtain a good value of $b$: least squares → minimize the sum of squared errors

$$J(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( z_i - \hat{f}_n(x_i) \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (z_i - h(x_i; \theta))^2$$
A simple curve fitting problem

- Linear fit
A simple curve fitting problem

- Quadratic fit
A simple curve fitting problem

- Poor fit!
- Why? Model capacity is weak
- Now, as an example, consider the model

\[ \hat{f}_n(x) = \theta^t r(x) \]

with

\[ r(x) = (1 \cos(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi x) \ldots \cos(2m\pi x) \sin(2m\pi x))^t \in \mathbb{R}^{2m+1} \]

(a truncated Fourier series)
- The increase in the number of parameters yields an ill-defined problem \((l \gg n)\)
A simple curve fitting problem

- When the problem becomes ill-defined (as capacity increases), a classical solution for finding a good value of $b$ is to minimize the sum of an approximation error and a regularization term:

$$J(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (z_i - \theta^t r(x_i))^2 + C\|\theta\|_2^2, \quad C > 0$$

- $\|\theta\|_2^2$ penalizes vectors $\theta$ with large elements
- $C$ strikes a balance between regularization and data fidelity
- This approach is known as Tikhonov regularization (Tikhonov & Arsenin, 1977) → at the basis of numerous approximation methods (ridge regression, splines, RBF, SVM...
A simple curve fitting problem

- $n = 8$, $m = 50$, $l = 101$, $C = 10^{-8}$
A simple curve fitting problem

- The regularization principle alone is not enough to obtain a good approximation
- As modeling capacity increases, overfitting may arise
A simple curve fitting problem

To avoid overfitting, we should try a regularization that penalizes high frequencies more.

For instance, take

$$\|\theta\| = \theta_1^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{m} \frac{\theta_{2k}^2 + \theta_{2k+1}^2}{(1 + (2k\pi)^\alpha)^2}$$
A simple curve fitting problem

- $n = 8$, $m = 50$, $l = 101$, $C = 10^{-8}$, $\alpha = 1.3$
A simple curve fitting problem

- From this example, we can see that the construction of a regularization scheme should result from a procedure that takes into account the data (using cross-validation, for instance) and/or prior knowledge (high frequencies $\ll$ low frequencies, for instance)
Black-box modeling

- A large number of methods are available in the literature: polynomial regression, splines, NN, RBF...
- All methods are based on mixing prior information and regularization principles
- Instances of “regularization” in regression:
  - t-tests, F-tests, ANOVA, AIC (Akaike info criterion)... in linear regression
  - Early stopping in NN
  - Regularized reproducing-kernel regression
    - 1970: ridge regression (Hoerl, Kennard)
    - 1997: SVR, (Smola 1997) & semi-param SVR (Smola 1999)
Black-box modeling

- How to choose a regularization scheme?
- The **Bayesian setting** is a principled approach that makes it possible to construct regularized regressions
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Why a Bayesian approach?

- **Objective:** Infer properties about \( f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) through pointwise evaluations

- **Why a Bayesian approach?**
  - A principled approach to choose a regularization scheme according to prior information
  - Through probability calculus and/or Monte Carlo simulations, the user can infer properties about the unknown function
  - For instance: given prior knowledge and \( \mathcal{D}_n \), what is the probability that the global maximum of \( f \) is greater than a given threshold \( u \in \mathbb{R} \)?

- **Main idea:** Use a statistical model of the observations, together with a probability model for the parameter of the statistical model
Some reminders about probabilities

- Recall that a **random variable** is a function that maps a sample space \( \Omega \) to an outcome space \( E \) (e.g. \( E = \mathbb{R} \)), and that assigns probabilities (weights) to possible outcomes.

**Def.**

Formally, let \((\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)\) be a probability space, and \((E, \mathcal{E})\) be a measurable outcome space.

\( \rightarrow \) A random variable \( X \) is a measurable function \((\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P) \rightarrow (E, \mathcal{E})\).

- \( X \) is used to assign probabilities to events: for instance
  \[
P(X \in [0, 1]) = P^X([0, 1]) = \frac{1}{2}
  \]

- Case of a random variable with a density:
  \[
P(X \in [a, b]) = P^X([a, b]) = \int_a^b p^X(x) \, dx
  \]
A real-valued random variable $Z$ is said to be Gaussian $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, if it has the continuous probability density function

$$g_{\mu,\sigma^2}(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(z - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \right)$$
Gaussian random variables

- The **mean** of $Z$ (also called **expectation** or first-order moment) is
  \[ E(Z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} z \ g_{\mu,\sigma^2}(z) \, dz = \mu \]
  and its **second-order** moment is defined as
  \[ E(Z^2) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} z^2 g_{\mu,\sigma^2}(z) \, dz = \sigma^2 + \mu^2 \]

- The **variance** of $Z$ is defined as
  \[ \text{var}(Z) = E[(Z - E(Z))^2] = E[Z^2] - E[Z]^2 = \sigma^2 \]
Gaussian random variables

- A Gaussian variable $Z$ can be used as a stochastic model of some uncertain real-valued quantity.
- In other words, $Z$ can be thought as a prior about some uncertain quantity of interest.
Gaussian random variables

- Using a random generator, it is possible to “generate” sample values $z_1, z_2, \ldots$ of our model $Z \rightarrow$ possible values for our uncertain quantity of interest
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(as $n \rightarrow \infty$, the empirical distribution of the realizations tends to the normal distribution)
Bayesian model

Formally, recall that a statistical model is a triplet $M = (\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$

- $\mathcal{Z} \rightarrow$ observation space (typically, $\mathcal{Z} = \mathbb{R}^n$)
- $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \sigma$-algebra on $\mathcal{Z}$
- $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow$ parametric family $\{P_\theta; \theta \in \Theta\}$ of probability distributions on $(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{F})$

**Def.**

A Bayesian model is defined by the specification of

- a parametric statistical model $M$ (model of the observations)
- a prior probability distribution $\Pi$ on $(\Theta, \Xi) \rightarrow$ probability model that describes uncertainty about $\theta$ before an observation is made
Example

- Suppose we repeat measurements of a quantity of interest: $z_1, z_2, \ldots \in \mathbb{R}$
- Model of observations: $Z_i \overset{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\theta_1, \theta_2), \ i = 1, \ldots, n$
- The statistical model can formally be written as the triplet
  \[ \mathcal{M} = \left( \mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n), \{ \mathcal{N}(\theta_1, \theta_2)^\otimes n \}_{\theta_1, \theta_2} \right) \]
- Moreover, if we assume a prior distribution about $\theta_1$ and $\theta_2$ (e.g. $\theta_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(1, 1), \ \theta_2 \sim \mathcal{IG}(3, 2)$), we obtain a Bayesian model.
- From this Bayesian model (model of observations + prior), we can compute the posterior distribution of $(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ given $Z_1, \ldots, Z_n$ (will be explained later)
Example

\[ n = 50, \theta_1 = 1.2, \theta_2 = 0.8 \]
Recall our simple curve fitting model

\[ \hat{f}_n(x) = \theta^t r(x) \]

with

\[ r(x) = (1 \cos(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi x) \ldots \cos(2m\pi x) \sin(2m\pi x))^t \in \mathbb{R}^{2m+1} \]

Bayesian model?
Assume the following statistical model for the observations:

\[
\begin{cases}
Z_i = \xi(x_i) + \varepsilon_i, & i = 1, \ldots, n \\
\xi(x) = \theta^t r(x), & x \in X \\
\varepsilon_i \overset{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2_\varepsilon)
\end{cases}
\]

or equivalently,

\[
Z_i \overset{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\theta^t r(x_i), \sigma^2_\varepsilon), \quad i = 1, \ldots, n
\]

Moreover, choose a prior distribution for \(\theta\):

\[
\theta_j \overset{\text{indep}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2_\theta), \quad j = 1, \ldots, 2m + 1
\]

The rvs \(Z_i\) constitute a Bayesian model of the observations

\(\xi\) is a random function / random process \(\rightarrow\) prior about \(f\)
Random process

Def.

A random process $\xi : (\Omega, X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a collection of random variables $\xi(\cdot, x) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ indexed by $x \in X$

- Random processes can be viewed as a generalization of random vectors
- For a fixed $\omega \in \Omega$, the function $\xi(\omega, \cdot) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a sample path
In our Bayesian setting, we can say that

- we use a random process $\xi$ as a *stochastic model* of the unknown function $f$
- $f$ is viewed as *sample paths* of $\xi$
- $\xi$ represents *our knowledge about* $f$ before any evaluation has been made
- the distribution $\Pi = P^\xi$ is a *prior* about $f$
Here, $\xi(\omega, \cdot) = \theta(\omega)^t r(\cdot)$

Fixing $\omega$ (a sample path) amounts to “choosing” a value for the random vector $\theta$
Example of sample paths with

\[
\begin{aligned}
&\theta_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \\
&\theta_{2k}, \theta_{2k+1} \overset{\text{indep}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{1}{1+(\omega_0 k)^\alpha}\right), \quad k = 1, \ldots, m \\
\end{aligned}
\]

with \(\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{10}, \alpha = 4\)
Example of sample paths with

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\end{align*}\]

with \(\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{50}\), \(\alpha = 4\)
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\end{align*}
\]

with \( \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{10}, \alpha = 1.5 \)
Bayesian approach

- The choice of a prior in a Bayesian approach reflects the user’s knowledge about uncertain parameters.
- In the case of function approximation $\rightarrow$ regularity of the function.
Bayesian approach

- Where shall we go now?
- Objective: compute posterior distributions from data
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A “simplification” of the Bayesian model for the simple curve fitting problem

- $\xi = \theta^t r$ (our prior about $f$) is a Gaussian process
- Why?
Gaussian random vectors

Def.

A real-valued random vector $Z = (Z_1, \ldots, Z_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is said to be Gaussian iff any linear combination of its components $\sum_{i=1}^{d} a_i Z_i$, with $a_1, \ldots, a_d \in \mathbb{R}$, is a Gaussian variable.

- A Gaussian random vector $Z$ is characterized by its mean vector, $\mu = (E[Z_1], \ldots, E[Z_d]) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and the covariance of the pairs of components $(Z_i, Z_j)$, $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, d\}$, $\text{cov}(Z_i, Z_j) = E[(Z_i - E(Z_i))(Z_j - E(Z_j))]$.
- If $Z \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is a Gaussian vector with mean $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and covariance matrix $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$, we shall write $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$.
Exercise: Let \( Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) \). Determine \( E \left( \sum_{i=1}^{d} a_i Z_i \right) \) and \( \text{var} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{d} a_i Z_i \right) \).

The correlation coefficient of two components \( Z_i \) and \( Z_j \) of \( Z \) is defined by

\[
\rho(Z_i, Z_j) = \frac{\text{cov}(Z_i, Z_j)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(Z_i) \text{var}(Z_j)}} \in [-1, 1],
\]

measures the similarity between \( Z_i \) and \( Z_j \).
Gaussian random vectors: correlation

\( \rho = 0 \)

\( \rho = 0.8 \)
Gaussian random processes

- Recall that a random process is a set $\xi = \{\xi(x), x \in X\}$ of random variables indexed by the elements of $X$.
- Gaussian random process
  $\rightarrow$ generalization of a Gaussian random vector

**Def.**

$\xi$ is a **Gaussian random process** iff, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\forall x_1, \ldots, x_n \in X$, and $\forall a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$, the real-valued random variable

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \xi(x_i)$$

is Gaussian
Application

- If

\[
\begin{aligned}
\xi(x) &= \theta^t r(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{X} \\
\theta_j &\overset{\text{indep}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\theta_j}^2), \quad j = 1, \ldots, 2m + 1
\end{aligned}
\]

then, \( \forall x_1, \ldots, x_n \in \mathbb{X} \), and \( \forall a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \mathbb{R} \),

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \xi(x_i) = \sum_{i} a_i \left( \sum_{j} \theta_j r_j(x_i) \right) = \sum_{j} \left( \sum_{i} a_i r_j(x_i) \right) \theta_j \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sum_{j} \left( \sum_{i} a_i r_j(x_i) \right)^2 \sigma_{\theta_j}^2 \right)
\]

- Thus, \( \xi = \theta^t r \) is a Gaussian process
A Gaussian process is characterized by

- its mean function

\[ m : x \in \mathbb{X} \mapsto E[\xi(x)] \]

- and its covariance function

\[ k : (x, y) \in \mathbb{X}^2 \mapsto \text{cov}(\xi(x), \xi(y)) \]

- Notation: \( \xi \sim \mathcal{GP}(m, k) \)
Exercise: determine \( E \left( \sum_{i=1}^{d} a_i \xi(x_i) \right) \) and \( \text{var} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{d} a_i \xi(x_i) \right) \)

What is the distribution of \( \sum a_i \xi(x_i) \)?

The distribution of a linear combination of a Gaussian process \( \mathcal{GP}(m, k) \) can be simply obtained as a function of \( m \) and \( k \).
Application

- If

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\begin{cases}
\xi(x) = \theta^t r(x), & x \in \mathbb{X} \\
\theta_j \overset{\text{indep}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\theta_j}^2), & j = 1, \ldots, 2m + 1
\end{cases}
\]

then,

\[\xi \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k)\]

with

\[k : (x, y) \mapsto \sum_j \sigma_{\theta_j}^2 r_j(x) r_j(y)\]
Covariance function corresponding to

\[
\begin{align*}
\theta_1 & \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \\
\theta_{2k}, \theta_{2k+1} & \overset{\text{indep}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{1}{1 + (\omega_0 k)^\alpha}\right), \quad k = 1, \ldots, m
\end{align*}
\]

with \(\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{10}, \alpha = 4\)
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\left(0, \frac{1}{1+(\omega_0 k)^{\alpha}}\right), \quad k = 1, \ldots, m
\end{align*}
\]

with \( \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{50}, \alpha = 4 \)
The covariance of a Gaussian random process

- Main properties: a covariance function $k$ is
  - symmetric: $\forall x, y \in X$, $k(x, y) = k(y, x)$
  - positive:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x_1, \ldots, x_n \in X, \forall a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}, \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} a_i k(x_i, x_j) a_j \geq 0$$

- In the following, we shall assume that the covariance of $\xi \sim \mathcal{GP}(m, k)$ is invariant under translations, or stationary:

$$k(x + h, y + h) = k(x, y), \quad \forall x, y, h \in X$$

- When $k$ is stationary, there exists a stationary covariance $k_{\text{sta}} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\text{cov}(\xi(x), \xi(y)) = k(x, y) = k_{\text{sta}}(x - y)$$
Stationary covariances

- When $k$ is stationary, the variance

$$\text{var}(\xi(x)) = \text{cov}(\xi(x), \xi(x)) = k(0)$$

does not depend on $x$

- The covariance function can be written as

$$k(x - y) = \sigma^2 \rho(x - y),$$

with $\sigma^2 = \text{var}(\xi(x))$, and where $\rho$ is the correlation function of $\xi$. 
Stationary covariances

- The graph of the correlation function is a symmetric “bell curve” shape.
We have, by C-S,

$$\forall h \in \mathbb{X}, |k(h)| = |\text{cov}(\xi(x), \xi(x + h))|$$

$$= |E[(\xi(x) - m(x))(\xi(x + h) - m(x + h))]|$$

$$\leq E((\xi(x) - m(x))^2)^{1/2}E((\xi(x + h) - m(x + h))^2)^{1/2}$$

$$= k(0)^{1/2}k(0)^{1/2} = k(0)$$

Recall, Bochner’s spectral representation theorem

**Theorem**

A real function $k(h), h \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is symmetric positive iff it is the Fourier transform of a finite positive measure, i.e.

$$k(h) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i(u,h)} d\mu(u),$$

where $\mu$ is a finite positive measure on $\mathbb{R}^d$. 
Gaussian process simulation

- Using a random generator, it is possible to “generate” sample paths $f_1, f_2, \ldots$ of a Gaussian process $\xi$. 

![Graphs of sample paths of a Gaussian process](image)
Gaussian process simulation

How to simulate sample paths of a zero-mean Gaussian random process?

- Choose a set of points \( x_1, \ldots, x_n \in X \)
- Denote by \( K \) the \( n \times n \) covariance matrix of the random vector \( \xi = (\xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n))^t \) (NB: \( \xi \sim \mathcal{N}(0, K) \))
- Consider the Cholesky factorization of \( K \)

\[ K = CC^t, \]

with \( C \) a lower triangular matrix (such a factorization exists since \( K \) is a sdp matrix)

- Let \( \varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_n)^t \) a Gaussian vector with \( \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \)
- Then \( C\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, K) \)
“Simplification” of the Bayesian model for the simple curve fitting problem

- Instead of choosing the model
  \[
  \begin{cases}
  \xi(x) = \theta^t r(x), & x \in X \\
  \theta_j \overset{\text{indep}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\theta_j}^2), & j = 1, \ldots, 2m + 1
  \end{cases}
  \]
  simply choose a covariance function \( k \) and assume
  \( \xi \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k) \)

- More details about how to choose \( k \) will be given below
How to compute a posterior distribution, given the Gaussian-process prior $\xi$ and data?
Conditional distributions

- Let $X$ be a random variable modeling an unknown quantity of interest.
- Assume we observe a random variable $T$, or a random vector $T = (T_1, \ldots, T_n)$.
- Provided that $T$ and $X$ are not independent, $T$ contains information about $X$.
- Aim: define a notion of distribution of $X$ “knowing” $T$. 
Conditional probabilities

Recall the following

Def.

Let \((\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)\) be a probability space. Given two events \(A, B \in \mathcal{A}\) such that \(P(B) \neq 0\), define the probability of \(A\) given \(B\) (or conditional on \(B\)) by

\[
P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}
\]
The notion of conditional density

**Def.**

Assume that the pair \((X, T) \in \mathbb{R}^2\) has a density \(p^{(X,T)}\).

Define the **conditional density** of \(X\) given the event \(T = t\) by

\[
p^{X|T}(x \mid t) = \begin{cases} 
\frac{p^{(X,T)}(x, t)}{p^T(t)} = \frac{p^{(X,T)}(x, t)}{\int p^{X,T}(x, t)dx} & \text{if } p^T(t) > 0 \\
\text{arbitrary density} & \text{if } p^T(t) = 0.
\end{cases}
\]
Application

- Given a Gaussian random vector \( Z = (Z_1, Z_2) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma) \), what is the distribution of \( Z_2 \) “knowing” \( Z_1 \)?

- Define

\[
p^{Z_2|Z_1}(z_2|z_1) = \frac{p(Z_2, Z_1)(z_2, z_1)}{p^{Z_1}(z_1)} = \frac{\sigma_1}{(2\pi)^{1/2}(\det \Sigma)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(z^t \Sigma^{-1} z - z_1^2 / \sigma_1^2)\right)
\]

\( \rightarrow \) Gaussian distribution!

- The random variable denoted by \( Z_2 \mid Z_1 \) with density \( p^{Z_2|Z_1}(\cdot \mid Z_1) \) represents the residual uncertainty about \( Z_2 \) when \( Z_1 \) has been observed.

- High correlation \( \rightarrow \) small residual uncertainty
A fundamental notion: conditional expectation

Def.

Assume that the pair \((X, T)\) has a density \(p^{(X,T)}\). Define the conditional mean of \(X\) given \(T = t\) as

\[
E(X \mid T = t) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}} x p^{X\mid T}(x \mid t) dx = h(t)
\]

Def.

The random variable \(E(X \mid T) = h(T)\) is called the conditional expectation of \(X\) given \(T\)
Conditional expectation

- Why conditional expectation is a fundamental notion?
- We have the following

**Theorem**

*Under the previous assumptions, the solution of the problem*

\[
\hat{X} = \arg\min_Y E \left[ (X - Y)^2 \right]
\]

*where the minimum is taken over all functions of T is given by*

\[
\hat{X} = E(X \mid T)
\]

- In other words, \(E(X \mid T)\) is the best approximation (in the sense of the quadratic mean) of \(X\) by a function of \(T\)
Important properties of conditional expectation

(1) $E(X \mid T)$ is a random variable depending on $T \rightarrow$ there exists a function $h$ such that $E(X \mid T) = h(T)$

(2) The operator $\pi_H : X \mapsto E(X \mid T)$ is a (linear) operator of orthogonal projection onto the space of all functions of $T$ (for the inner product $X, Y \mapsto (X, Y) = E(XY)$)

(3) Let $X, Y, T \in L^2$. Then
   i) $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, E(\alpha X + Y \mid T) = \alpha E(X \mid T) + E(Y \mid T)$ a.s.
   ii) $E(E[X \mid T]) = E(X)$
   iii) If $X \perp \perp T$, $E(X \mid T) = E(X)$
Conditional expectation: Gaussian random variables

- Recall that the space of second-order random variables $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ endowed with the inner product $X, Y \mapsto (X, Y) = E(XY)$ is a Hilbert space.

- Gaussian linear space

**Def.**

A linear subspace $G$ of $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ is Gaussian iff

\[ \forall X_1, \ldots, X_n \in G \text{ and } \forall a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \mathbb{R} \text{ the random variable } \sum_i a_i X_i \text{ is Gaussian} \]

- In what follows, assume that $G$ is centered, i.e., each element in $G$ is a zero-mean random variable.
Theorem (Projection theorem in centered Gaussian spaces)

Let $G$ be a centered Gaussian space. Let $X, T_1, \ldots, T_n \in G$. Then $E(X \mid T_1, \ldots, T_n)$ is the orthogonal projection (in $L^2$) of $X$ on $\mathcal{T} = \text{span}\{T_1, \ldots, T_n\}$.

**proof**  Let $\hat{X} \in G$ be the orthogonal projection of $X$ on $\mathcal{T}$.

- We have $X = \hat{X} + \varepsilon$ where $\varepsilon \in G$ is orthogonal to $\mathcal{T}$.
  
  In $G$, orthogonality $\iff$ independence. Thus, $\varepsilon \perp T_i$, $i = 1, \ldots, n$.

- Then,

  
  $$E(X \mid T_1, \ldots, T_n) = E(\hat{X} \mid T_1, \ldots, T_n) + E(\varepsilon \mid T_1, \ldots, T_n)$$

  $$= \hat{X} + E(\varepsilon) = \hat{X}$$

  The result follows.
■ Application

Let \( Z = (Z_1, Z_2) \) be a zero-mean Gaussian random vector, with covariance matrix

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{1,2} \\
\sigma_{2,1} & \sigma_2^2
\end{pmatrix}
\]

Then \( \mathbb{E}(Z_1 \mid Z_2) \) is the orthogonal projection of \( Z_1 \) onto \( Z_2 \). Thus

\[
\mathbb{E}(Z_1 \mid Z_2) = \lambda Z_2
\]

with

\[
(Z_1 - \lambda Z_2, Z_2) = (Z_1, Z_2) - \lambda (Z_2, Z_2) = 0.
\]

Hence,

\[
\lambda = \frac{\sigma_{1,2}}{\sigma_2^2}
\]
Application

- Let $Z = (Z_1, Z_2) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$ as above → recall that the cond. distrib. of $Z_2$ given $Z_1$ is a Gaussian distribution

- Hence $Z_2 \mid Z_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu(Z_1), \sigma(Z_1)^2) \rightarrow \mu ? \sigma ?$

  - $\mu = \mathbb{E}(Z_2 \mid Z_1) = \lambda Z_1$ with $\lambda = \frac{\sigma_{1,2}}{\sigma_2^2}$

  - Using the property of the orthogonal projection:

    $\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}((Z_2 - \mathbb{E}(Z_2 \mid Z_1))^2 \mid Z_1)$
    \[\equiv \mathbb{E}((Z_2 - \mathbb{E}(Z_2 \mid Z_1))^2)\]
    \[= \mathbb{E}((Z_2 - \lambda Z_1)^2)\]
    \[\equiv \mathbb{E}((Z_2 - \lambda Z_1)Z_2)\]
    \[= \sigma_2^2 - \lambda \sigma_{1,2}\]
Generalization

Exercise: Let \((Z_0, Z_1, \ldots, Z_n)\) be a centered Gaussian vector. Determine \(E(Z_0 \mid Z_1, \ldots, Z_n)\).
Application: computation of the posterior distrib. of a GP

- Let $\xi \sim GP(0, k)$
- Assume we observe $\xi$ at $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in X$
- Given $x_0 \in X$, what is the conditional distrib.—or the posterior distrib. in our Bayesian framework—of $\xi(x_0) \mid \xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n)$?
- More generally, what is the posterior distribution of the random process $\xi(\cdot) \mid \xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n)$?
Computation of the posterior distribution of a GP

Prop.

Let $\xi \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k)$. The random process $\xi$ conditioned on $F_n = \{\xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n)\}$, denoted by $\xi \mid F_n$, is a Gaussian process with

- mean $\hat{\xi}_n : x \mapsto \mathbb{E}(\xi(x) \mid \xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n))$
- covariance $k_n : x, y \mapsto \mathbb{E}\left((\xi(x) - \hat{\xi}_n(x))(\xi(y) - \hat{\xi}_n(y))\right)$
Computation of the posterior distrib. of a GP

- By property of the conditional expectation in Gaussian spaces, for all \( x \in \mathbb{X} \), \( \hat{\xi}_n(x) \) is a linear combination of \( \xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n) \):

\[
\hat{\xi}_n(x) := \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i(x) \xi(x_i)
\]

- Moreover, the posterior mean \( \hat{\xi}_n(x) \) is the orthogonal projection of \( \xi(x) \) onto \( \text{span}\{\xi(x_i), i = 1, \ldots, n\} \), such that

\[
\hat{\xi}_n(x) = \arg\min_Y \mathbb{E} \left[ (\xi(x) - Y)^2 \right] \rightarrow \text{the variance of the prediction error is minimum}
\]

\[
E(\hat{\xi}_n(x)) = E[E(\xi(x) \mid F_n)] = E(\xi(x)) = 0 \rightarrow \text{unbiased estimation}
\]

- \( \hat{\xi}_n(x) \) is the best linear predictor (BLP) of \( \xi(x) \) from \( \xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n) \), also called the kriging predictor of \( \xi(x) \)
Computation of the posterior distrib. of a GP

- The posterior covariance, also called kriging covariance, is given by

\[
k_n(x, y) := \text{cov}\left(\xi(x) - \hat{\xi}_n(x), \xi(y) - \hat{\xi}_n(y)\right) = k(x - y) - \sum_i \lambda_i(x) k(y - x_i).
\]

- \(k_n\) is the covariance function of the error of prediction

- The posterior variance of \(\xi\), also called the kriging variance, is defined as

\[
\sigma^2_n(x) = \text{var}(\xi(x) - \hat{\xi}_n(x)) = k_n(x, x)
\]

- \(\sigma^2_n(x)\) is the variance of the error of prediction
Kriging equations

- How to compute the weights $\lambda_i(x)$ of the posterior mean/kriging predictor?
- Weights $\lambda_i(x)$ are solutions of a system of linear equations

$$K\lambda(x) = k(x)$$

with

- $\lambda(x) = (\lambda_1(x), \ldots, \lambda_n(x))^t$
- $K$: $n \times n$ covariance matrix of the observation vector
- $k(x)$: $n \times 1$ vector with entries $k(x_i, x)$
Kriging equations

proof
Posterior distrib. of a GP

- For all \( x \in \mathbb{X} \), the random variable \( \xi(x) \mid F_n \) with distrib. \( \mathcal{N}(\hat{\xi}_n(x), \sigma_n^2(x)) \) represents the residual uncertainty about \( \xi(x) \) when \( \xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n) \) are observed.
Software for kriging/GP regression

- R packages
  - BACCO: Bayesian analysis of computer code software
  - fanovaGraph: Building Kriging Models from FANOVA Graphs
  - DiceKriging, DiceOptim, GPareto: Dice and ReDice packages
  - MuFiCokriging: Multi-Fidelity Cokriging models
  - RobustInv: Robust inversion based on GP (like KrigInv)
  - tgp: Treed Gaussian processes
  - ...
Software for kriging/GP regression

- Matlab/GNU Octave
  - DACE, a matlab kriging toolbox.
  - FERUM, Finite Element Reliability using Matlab
  - GPML, Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning
  - GPStuff, GP Models for Bayesian analysis
  - scalaGAUSS, Kriging toolbox with a focus on large datasets
  - Matlab Stat & ML toolbox, GP regression from Mathworks
  - STK, Small (Matlab/GNU Octave) Toolbox for Kriging
  - SUMO, ooDACE, Surrogate Modeling Lab
  - UQLab, Uncertainty quantification framework in Matlab

- Python
  - scikit-learn, Machine learning in Python
  - OpenTURNS, Open source lib for UQ
  - Spearmint, Bayesian optimization
  - GPy, Gaussian processes framework in Python
Generalization: prediction from noisy observations

- Let $\xi \sim \text{GP}(0, k)$
- For $i = 1, \ldots, n$, we observe $Z_i = \xi(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$ at points $x_i$, where the random variables $\varepsilon_i$ model an observation noise:
  - $\varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
  - independent from $\xi$
- As above, the posterior mean $\hat{\xi}_n(x)$ of $\xi(x)$ is obtained as the orthogonal projection of $\xi(x)$ on the linear subspace $\text{span}\{Z_i, i = 1, \ldots, n\}$:
  $$\hat{\xi}_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i(x)Z_i$$

with $\lambda_i(x)$ such that

$$\forall i, \quad \xi(x) - \hat{\xi}_n(x) \perp Z_i$$
Generalization: prediction from noisy observations

Thus, \( \forall i \)

\[
E[(\xi(x) - \hat{\xi}_n(x))Z_i] = E[\xi(x)(\xi(x_i) + \epsilon_i)] - \sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j(x) E[(\xi(x_j) + \epsilon_j)(\xi(x_i) + \epsilon_i)]
\]

\[
= k(x, x_i) - \sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j(x) \left( k(x_j, x_i) + \sigma^2 \delta_{i,j} \right)
\]

Under matrix form (exercise):
Generalization: prediction from noisy observations

Kriging prediction based on noisy observations
Generalization: prediction from noisy observations

We should use an approximation instead of an interpolation in three cases:

i) The observations are noisy (obviously): the computer code is stochastic (for instance, Monte Carlo is used) and running the code twice does not produce the same output

ii) The output of the computer code is very irregular → a smooth approximation is preferred

iii) The covariance matrix is ill-conditioned → adding a small observation noise will regularize the solution of the linear system (why?)
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Posterior of a quantity of interest

- Using the posterior distribution of $\xi$, we can address questions like
  - What are plausible values for $\xi(x)$ at a given $x$? (obviously)
  - What are plausible values for $\int g(\xi(x)) \, d\mu(x)$ for given $g$ and $\mu$?
  - What are plausible values for the minimum $M = \min_x \xi(x)$?
  - Where is the minimizer $x^* = \arg\min_x \xi(x)$?
  - What is the probability that $\xi(x)$ exceeds a given threshold?
  - ...
Example of a quantity of interest: the improvement

- Suppose that our objective is to minimize an unknown function $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- In our Bayesian approach, we choose a GP prior $\xi$ for $f$ (in other words, $\xi$ is a model of $f$)
- Objective: construct a sequence $(X_1, X_2, \ldots) \in \mathbb{X}$ that converges to $X^* = \text{argmin}_x \xi(x)$
- Given $X_1, \ldots, X_{n+1}$, how to define and choose a “good” point $X_{n+1}$ in our setting?
- Let $m_n = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \xi(X_i)$
- A “good” point $x \in \mathbb{X}$ is such that $m_n - \xi(x)$ is large
- Define the excursion of $\xi$ at $x$ below $m_n$, a.k.a the improvement:

$$I_n = \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{if } \xi(x) > m_n \\
 m_n - \xi(x) & \text{if } \xi(x) \leq m_n 
\end{cases}$$
Example of a quantity of interest: the improvement

\[ \hat{\xi}_n(x) + 2\hat{\sigma}_n(x) \]

\[ -2\hat{\sigma}_n(x) \]
Example of a quantity of interest: the improvement
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\[ \hat{\xi}_n(x) \]

\[ \hat{\sigma}_n(x) \]
Example of a quantity of interest: the improvement

\[ \hat{\xi}_n(x) \]
Example of a quantity of interest: the improvement

- Regions with high values of the **posterior mean** of $I_n$ are promising search regions for the minimum of $\xi$.
- The posterior mean of $I_n$ may be written as

$$
\rho_n(x) = E(I_n \mid \xi(X_1), \ldots, \xi(X_n)) \\
= \int_{z=-\infty}^{m_n} (m_n - z) p^{\xi(x)}|\xi(X_1),\ldots,\xi(X_n)(z) \, dz \\
= \gamma(m_n - \hat{\xi}_n(x), \sigma^2_n(x))
$$

with

$$
\gamma(z, s) = \begin{cases} 
\sqrt{s} \Phi' \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{s}} \right) + z \Phi \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{s}} \right) & \text{if } s > 0, \\
\max(z, 0) & \text{if } s = 0.
\end{cases}
$$

- $\rho_n$ is called the **expected improvement** [Mockus 78, Schonlau et al. 96, Jones et al. 98]
Example of a quantity of interest: the improvement

\[ \hat{\xi}_n(x) \]

\[ \rho_n(x) \]
Insertion into an optimization algorithm

- The EI algorithm: $X_{n+1} = \arg\max_x \rho_n(x)$
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Example of quantity of interest: the minimizer

- Assume an unknown function $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and suppose we are interested in seeking its minimizer:

$$x^* = \text{argmin}_x f(x)$$

- Choose a GP prior $\xi$ for $f$. Given observations $\xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n)$, what is the posterior distrib. of $X^* = \text{argmin}_x \xi(x)$?

- Unlike $I_n$ above, the distrib. of $X^*$ does not possess a closed-form expression $\rightarrow$ resort to an empirical estimation using conditional sample paths
Empirical posterior density of the minimizer
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\[ p_{x^* | F_n} \]
Empirical posterior density of the minimizer

$p_{X^\star | F_n^+}$
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Choosing a centered Gaussian random process

How to choose the covariance function of a GP $\xi \sim \mathcal{N}(0, k)$?
Regularity properties of a random process

Def.

Given $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, a random process $\xi$ is said to be continuous in mean-square at $x_0$ iff

$$\lim_{x \to x_0} E \left[ (\xi(x) - \xi(x_0))^2 \right] = 0$$

Prop.

Let $\xi$ be a second-order random process with continuous mean function and stationary covariance function $k$. $\xi$ is continuous in mean-square iff $k$ is continuous at zero.
Regularity properties of a random process

**Def.**

For $x, h \in \mathbb{R}^d$, define the random variable

$$
\xi_h(x) = \frac{\xi(x_0 + h) - \xi(x_0)}{\|h\|}
$$

$\xi$ is mean-square differentiable at $x_0$ iff there exists a random vector $\nabla \xi(x_0)$ such that

$$
\lim_{h \to 0} E \left[ (\xi_h(x_0) - (\nabla \xi(x_0), h))^2 \right] = 0
$$

**Prop.**

Let $\xi$ be a second-order random process with differentiable mean function and stationary covariance function $k$. $\xi$ is differentiable in mean-square iff $k$ is two-time differentiable at zero.
Regularity properties of a random process

- Differentiability of the covariance function at the origin \( \rightarrow \) mean-square differentiability of \( \xi \)
Influence of the regularity

mean-square continuity

three-time mean-square differentiability
Choice of a covariance

- A Gaussian process prior carries a high amount of information about $f$
  - it is often difficult to elicit such a prior before any evaluation is made
- Covariance function of $\xi$ is usually assumed to belong to some parametric class of positive definite functions
- Parameter values assumed to be unknown
- Two approaches:
  1. The parameters can be estimated from the evaluation results by maximum likelihood, and then used as if they were known (plug-in approach)
  2. We can assume a prior distrib. for the parameters of the covariance and use a fully Bayesian approach
Choice of a parametrized covariance function: the Matérn covariance

- The Matérn covariance function is a conventional covariance function in the literature of computer experiments → offers the possibility to adjust the regularity of $\xi$ with a single parameter

- The Matérn function:
  \[
  \kappa_\nu(h) = \frac{1}{2^{\nu-1}\Gamma(\nu)} \left(2^{1/2} h\right)^\nu \mathcal{K}_\nu \left(2^{1/2} h\right), \quad h \in \mathbb{R}
  \]  
  with
  - $\Gamma$ the Gamma function
  - $\kappa_\nu$ the modified Bessel function of the second kind

- To model a real-valued function defined over $X \subset \mathbb{R}$, we use the Matérn covariance:
  \[
  k_\theta(h) = \sigma^2 \kappa_\nu(\|h\|/\rho), \quad h \in \mathbb{R}
  \]
Choice of a parametrized covariance function: the Matérn covariance

Matérn covariance in one dimension $\sigma^2 = 1$, $\rho = 0.8$

$\xi$ is $p$-time mean-square differentiable iff $\nu > p$
Choice of a parametrized covariance function: the Matérn covariance

To model a function $f$ defined over $X \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, with $d > 1$, we use the anisotropic form of the Matérn covariance:

$$k_\theta(x, y) = \sigma^2 \kappa_\nu \left( \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{d} \left( \frac{x[i] - y[i]}{\rho_i^2} \right)^2} \right), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (3)$$

where $x[i], y[i]$ denote the $i^{th}$ coordinate of $x$ and $y$, and the positive scalars $\rho_i$ represent scale parameters

Since $\sigma^2 > 0, \nu > 0, \rho_i > 0, i = 1, \ldots, d$, in practice, we consider the vector of parameters

$$\theta = \{\log \sigma^2, \log \nu, -\log \rho_1, \ldots, -\log \rho_d\} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+2}$$

→ makes parameter estimation easier
Parameter estimation by maximum likelihood

- Assume $\xi$ is a zero-mean Gaussian process

- The log-likelihood of the data $\xi_n = (\xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n))^t$ can be written as

$$
\ell(\xi_n; \theta) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log \det K(\theta) - \frac{1}{2} \xi_n^t K(\theta)^{-1} \xi_n, \quad (4)
$$

where $K(\theta)$ is the covariance matrix of $\xi_n$, which depends on the parameter vector $\theta$

- The log-likelihood can be maximized using a gradient-based search method
Prediction of a Gaussian process with unknown mean function

- In the domain of computer experiments, the mean of a Gaussian process is generally written as a linear parametric function

\[ m(\cdot) = \beta^t \varphi(\cdot), \quad (5) \]

with

- \( \beta \) a vector of unknown parameters
- \( \varphi = (\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_l)^t \) an \( l \)-dimensional vector of functions (in practice, polynomials)

- Simplest case: the mean function is an unknown constant \( m \), in which case \( \beta = m \) and \( \varphi : x \in X \mapsto 1 \)
Prediction of a Gaussian process with unknown mean function

- Define the linear space of functions

\[
P = \left\{ x \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{l} \beta_i \varphi_i(x); \ \beta_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\},
\]

- Define \( \Lambda \) the linear space of finite-support measures on \( \mathbb{X} \), i.e.

\[
\lambda \in \Lambda \implies \lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \delta_{x_i} \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}
\]

- For \( f : \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{R} \), and \( \lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i \delta_{x_i} \in \Lambda \),

\[
\langle \lambda, f \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i f(x_i)
\]

- Define the linear subspace \( \Lambda_P \subset \Lambda \) of finite-support measures vanishing on \( \mathcal{P} \), i.e.

\[
\lambda \in \Lambda_P \implies \langle \lambda, f \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{X}} f d\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i f(x_i) = 0, \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{P}
\]
Prediction of a Gaussian process with unknown mean function

- Let $\xi$ be a Gaussian random process with an unknown mean in $\mathcal{P}$, and a covariance function $k$

- For $x \in \mathbb{X}$, the (intrinsic) kriging predictor $\hat{\xi}_n(x)$ of $\xi(x)$ from $\xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n)$ is the linear projection

$$
\hat{\xi}_n(x) = \sum_i \lambda_i(x) \xi(x_i)
$$

of $\xi(x)$ onto $\text{span}\{\xi(x_i), i = 1, \ldots, n\}$ such that the variance of the error $\xi(x) - \hat{\xi}_n(x)$ is minimized, under the constraint

$$
\delta_x - \sum \lambda_i(x) \delta_{x_i} \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{P}^\perp}
$$

i.e.,

$$
\langle \delta_x - \sum \lambda_i(x) \delta_{x_i}, \varphi_j \rangle = \varphi_j(x) - \sum \lambda_i(x) \varphi_j(x_i) = 0, \quad j = 1, \ldots, l
$$

- The requirement $\delta_x - \sum \lambda_i(x) \delta_{x_i} \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{P}^\perp}$ makes the kriging predictor unbiased, even if the mean of $\xi$ is unknown
Prediction of a Gaussian process with unknown mean function

\( \hat{\xi}_n(x) \) is the linear projection of \( \xi(x) \) onto \( \text{span}\{\xi(x_1), \ldots, \xi(x_n)\} \) orthogonally to \( \mathcal{P} \)
The weights $\lambda_i(x; x_n)$ are again solutions of a system of linear equations, which can be written under a matrix form as

$$
\begin{pmatrix}
  K & \varphi^t \\
  \varphi & 0
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
  \lambda(x) \\
  \mu(x)
\end{pmatrix}
=
\begin{pmatrix}
  k(x) \\
  \varphi(x)
\end{pmatrix},
$$
(6)

with

- $\varphi$ an $l \times n$ matrix with entries $\varphi_i(x_j), i = 1, \ldots, l, j = 1, \ldots, n$
- $\mu$ a vector of Lagrange coefficients
- $K, \lambda(x), k(x)$ as above
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- When the mean is unknown, the kriging covariance function (the covariance of the error of prediction) is given by

\[
k_n(x, y) := \text{cov}\left(\xi(x) - \hat{\xi}_n(x), \xi(y) - \hat{\xi}_n(y)\right)
\]

\[
= k(x - y) - \lambda(x)^t k(y) - \mu(x)^t \varphi(y).
\]

Prop.

Let \( k \) be a covariance function and assume \( m \in \mathcal{P} \).

If

\[
\begin{cases}
\xi \mid m \sim \mathcal{GP}(m, k) \\
m : x \mapsto \beta^t \varphi(x), \beta \sim U(\mathbb{R}^l)
\end{cases}
\]

then \( \xi \mid F_n \sim \mathcal{GP}\left(\hat{\xi}_n(\cdot), k_n(\cdot, \cdot)\right) \)

with \( U(\mathbb{R}^l) \) the (improper) uniform distribution over \( \mathbb{R}^l \)

→ justifies the use of kriging in a Bayesian framework provided that the covariance function of \( \xi \) is known.
Objective: estimate the covariance parameters of a Gaussian process with unknown mean.

Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML) approach → maximize the likelihood of the increments (or generalized increments) of the data.

Let $\xi$ be a Gaussian process with an unknown mean function in $\mathcal{P}$ and $\xi_n$ the random vector of observations at points $x_i$, $i = 1, \ldots, n$.

Let $\varphi = (\varphi_i(x_j))_{i,j=1}^{l,n}$ be the $l \times n$ matrix of basis functions of $\mathcal{P}$ evaluated on $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$. 
Parameter estimation with unknown mean function

Since the dimension of $\mathcal{P}$ is $l$, the dimension of the space of the measures with support $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ that cancel out the functions of $\mathcal{P}$ is $n - l$.

Assume an $n \times (n - l)$ matrix $W$ with rank $n - l$ has been found, such that

$$\varphi W = 0.$$  
(The columns of $W$ are in the kernel of $\varphi$.)

Then $Z = W^T \xi_n$ is a Gaussian random vector taking its values in $\mathbb{R}^{n-l}$, with zero mean and covariance matrix

$$W^T K(\theta) W$$

where $K(\theta)$ is the covariance matrix of $\xi_n$ with entries $k_\theta(x_i - x_j)$.
The random vector $Z$ is a contrast vector

The log-likelihood of the contrasts is given by

$$L(z \mid \theta) = -\frac{n-l}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log \det(W^t K(\theta) W) - \frac{1}{2} z^t (W^t K(\theta) W)^{-1} z.$$
REML

- Various methods may be employed to compute the matrix $W$
- We favor the QR decomposition of $\varphi^T$

$$
\varphi^T = (Q_1 \mid Q_2) \begin{pmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},
$$

where $(Q_1 \mid Q_2)$ is an $n \times n$ orthogonal matrix and $R$ is a $l \times l$ upper triangular matrix.

- It is trivial to check that the columns of $Q_2$ form a basis of the kernel of $\varphi$
- So we may choose $W = Q_2$
- Note that $W^T W = I_{n-l}$.
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- Bayesian decision theory (BDT) in a nutshell
  - a mathematical framework for decisions under uncertainty
  - uncertainty is captured by probability distributions
  - the “Bayesian agent” aims at minimizing the expected loss
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Until further notice, we will use this simple (but important) setting to illustrate the basics of Bayesian optimization
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**Convenient notation**

\[ \xi = \text{random function that represents the unknown } f \]

- we will write, e.g., \( E_n(\xi(x)) \) instead of \( \int_{\Omega} f(x) P_n(df) \)
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  - multi-fidelity: choosing the right fidelity level
  - variable run-time: choosing when to stop a computation
  - ...
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- Digression: taking the cost of observations into account?
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  - in practice, difficult to translate into a loss (see later)
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- Other settings
  - multi-objective: Pareto set / Pareto front (see later),
  - inequality constraints (see later), equality constraints (harder !)
  - quasi-optimal region (sublevel set)...
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- $F_n = \text{the information available at time } n$

- Mathematically, $P_n = P_0 (\cdot | F_n) = P_{n-1} (\cdot | I_n)$

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  - $D$ is a decision strategy (sequence of decision rules)
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The Bayes-optimal strategy is, by definition:

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$= \arg\min \int_\Omega L(\omega, D(\omega)) P_0(\omega) d\omega$

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$$f(\hat{x}) \geq \min f \quad \Rightarrow \quad L(f, \hat{x}) = |f(\hat{x}) - \min f|$$

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- Recall the Bayes-optimal strategy (algorithm):

$$D_{\text{Bayes}} = \arg\min_D \mathbb{E}_0 \left( L(D_{N+1}) \right)$$
$$= \arg\min_D \int_{\Omega} L(\omega, D_{N+1}(\omega)) \, P_0(d\omega)$$

where $D$ ranges over all strategies $D = (X_1, \ldots, X_N, D_{N+1})$
Problem statement

What does this $D^{\text{Bayes}}$ look like?

Can we actually build an optimal Bayesian algorithm?
Problem statement (more precisely)

- Recall that
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Problem statement (more precisely)

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where \( d \) runs over all possible values for the terminal decision
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Vocabulary: posterior (Bayes) risk at time $N$

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Remember: the min attained for $d = \varphi_N^{\text{Bayes}}(F_N)$
Example (cont’d): linear loss

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Remark: the two estimates are equal when $\hat{\xi}$ does not “overshoot” (e.g., for a Brownian motion prior)
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- For example, if $Y = g(X_1, Z_1, \ldots, X_n, Z_n, X_{n+1}, Z_{n+1})$,

$$E_{n,x}(Y) = E_n(g(X_1, Z_1, \ldots, X_n, Z_n, x, Z_x))$$

where $Z_x$ denotes the result of a new evaluation at $x$
Finding $X^\text{Bayes}_N$ (last evaluation point)

Given $x_N \in X$, consider the following strategy at time $N - 1$:

1) first, evaluate at $X_N = x_N$,

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- Remark: $R_{N-1}$ is used as a “sampling criterion”
  (a.k.a. “infill criterion”, a.k.a. “merit function” . . . )
Finding $X_N^{\text{Bayes}}$: proof

- For any strategy $D = (X_1, \ldots, X_{N-1}, X_N, D_{N+1})$,

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(first appears (in english) in Mockus, Tiesis & Žilinskas, 1978)
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  - even with a GP prior, $\rho^{\text{KG}}_N$ is not exactly computable in general
    - idea: approx. max over a finite grid (more about that later)
Finding $X^\text{Bayes}_N$: example (cont’d)

Same example as before, $n = 5$, but assume now that $N = 6$. 

![Graph showing response $z$ and sampling criterion $\rho$ vs input $x$ and final point $x_N$.](image-url)
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![Diagram showing the relationship between input $x$ and response $z$, as well as the sampling criterion $\rho$.](image-url)
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- Set $M_n = \min_{i \leq n} \xi(X_i)$. The optimal decision at time $N-1$ is

$$X_N = \arg\max_{X_N} M_{N-1} - E_{N-1, X_N} \left( M_N \right)$$
Finding $X_N^{Bayes}$: example, variant (cont’d)

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(Mockus et al 1978; Jones, Schonlau & Wlech, 1998)
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  $= \arg\max_{x_N} E_{N-1} \left( (M_{N-1} - \xi(x_N))_+ \right)$
  
  $\rho_n^{\text{EI}}(x_N) \geq 0$

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- Computable analytically for GP priors $\Rightarrow$ most commonly used
  
  (for deterministic numerical models)
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- Recall the optimal terminal decision rule

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- Recall the optimal rule for the last evaluation

\[ \varphi^\text{Bayes}_{N-1}(F_{N-1}) = \arg\min_{x_N} E_{N-1,x_N} \left( R^\text{Bayes}_N(F_N) \right) \]
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This is called backward induction (or dynamic programming)
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- So what? Can we use this?
The Bayes-optimal strategy

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Very difficult to use in practice beyond \( N = 1 \) or 2

- each “min” is an optim. problem that needs to be solved...
- each “\( E_{n,x} \)” is an integral that needs to be computed...
- none of them are tractable, even for the nicest (GP) priors 😞
Practical Bayesian optimization: myopic strategies

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Generic myopic BO algorithm with hyper-parameter estimation

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STK demo

... single-objective box-constrained optimization with the EI criterion and a plug-in approach (a.k.a. the “EGO” algorithm) ...
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- Bayesian optimization ⇒ run-time overhead
  - depends on the model, sampling criterion, optimizer, etc.
  - BO is appropriate for expensive-to-evaluate numerical models
Lecture 2: Bayesian optimization (BO)

2.2. From Bayes-optimal to myopic strategies

The optimal terminal decision
Optimal choice of the last evaluation
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Sampling criteria for multi-objective and/or contrained optimization
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code by Etienne Leloup, Guillaume Maistre-Bazin, Lucain Pouget
CentraleSupelec final year project for CEA DIF
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Et maintenant une page de pub !

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Announcement

Paul Feliot’s PhD defense will take place

on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 2 PM,

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"Design under uncertainty" framework

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- constraint functions: $f_{c,j}(x, u)$, $1 \leq j \leq q$
- where $u$ denotes factors that the designer cannot control
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Remark: very conservative, the nominal performance is ignored
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An issue of terminology: in the math literature, “robust optimization” refers mainly to the worst-case setting (see Ben Tal et al (2009), Bertsimas et al (2011) and refs). The probabilistic approach is called stochastic programming.

While engineers use the word “robust” for both 😊.
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- Numerical models: two important settings
  - stochastic simulators
  - environmental variables

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\]

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  - the RV $U_1, U_2 \ldots$ that will be generated when running the computer model with inputs $x_1, x_2 \ldots$
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The “environmental variables” setting

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![Diagram](image.png)

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- The two settings can be mixed 😊
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  - single objective problems
  - in the “environmental variables” setting

- and discuss two important cases:
  - optimization of the averaged objective function
  - reliability-based design optimization (RBDO), a.k.a. “chance constrained” optimization, and other formulations
Lecture 2: Bayesian optimization (BO)

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- Recall the posterior risk at time $N$ for an estimate $\hat{x} \in X$:
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Optimization of a mean response: demos

STK demo

... One dimensional illustration: examples 1 and 2...
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  - see also Browne et al (2016)...
Lecture 2: Bayesian optimization (BO)

2.3. Design under uncertainty

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- BO: the distribution of $P_U (\xi_{c,j}(x, U) > 0)$ is intractable
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  - Very difficult to derive Bayesian sampling criteria that can be implemented efficiently...
Bayesian RBDO algorithms?

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Complex, “weakly Bayesian” algorithms... e.g., RBDO-N2LA:

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2. \( w := a + w(x) \)
3. \( \kappa := \Phi^{-1}(95.5\%), \epsilon_\theta := 10^{-3} \)
4. Refine := true, \( \text{Optimize} := \text{true} \)
5. \( \mathbb{P}(x \in \mathcal{M}) := a \rightarrow 1 \)
6. while Refine do
7. \( G := \text{MCMCA}() \)
8. \( \mathcal{F}_{\text{new}} := \text{KMeans}() \)
9. \( \mathcal{F}_{\text{new}} = \emptyset \)
10. \( \mathcal{F} := \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{F}_{\text{new}} \)
11. \( G := \text{Maximum likelihood Kriging model} \)
12. \( (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} / \mathcal{F} \cdot \mathcal{F}_{\text{new}}, \mathbb{P}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{f}}) \)
13. \( \mathcal{F} := \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{F}_{\text{new}} \)
14. \( \mathbb{P}(x \in \mathcal{M}) := a \rightarrow 1 \)
15. \( \mathbb{F} := \mathbb{F} \cup \mathbb{F}_{\text{new}} \)
16. \( \mathbb{F}_{\text{f}} := \text{Reliability analysis}() \)
17. \( \text{Refine} := \text{true} \)
18. \( \text{Optimize} := \text{max} \left( \hat{\mathbb{F}} - \hat{\mathbb{F}} \right) > \epsilon_\theta \)
19. end while
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Algorithm 2 Adaptive surrogate-based nested RBDO strategy

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1. \( \theta^{(0)}, \Theta^0, \Theta^0 = 0 \)
2. for \( i = 1 \) to \( \eta \) do
3. \( \theta_i := \min_{\mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{F}^0} F_{\mathcal{F}^0}^0(x, \Theta) \)
4. \( \theta_i := \max_{\mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{F}^0} F_{\mathcal{F}^0}^0(x, \Theta) \)
5. end for
6. for \( w := a + w(x) \)
7. \( \kappa := \Phi^{-1}(95.5\%), \epsilon_\theta := 10^{-3} \)
8. while \( \text{Refine and Optimize} \) do
9. \( \text{Refine} := \text{true} \)
10. \( \text{Optimize} := \text{true} \)
11. \( \mathbb{P}(x \in \mathcal{M}) := a \rightarrow 1 \)
12. end while
13. \( \hat{\mathbb{F}} := \text{Kriging model} \)
14. \( \hat{\mathbb{F}} := \text{Reliability analysis}() \)
15. \( \phi^{(i)} := \Phi^{(i)}(\theta^0), \phi^{(i)} := \Phi^{(i)}(\theta^0) \)
16. \( \phi^{(i)} := f(x^0), \phi^{(i)} := f(x^0) \)
17. \( \phi^{(i)} := \text{SolveQuasique}\(d^{(i)}, \phi^{(i)}, \theta^{(i)}, \theta^{(i)}, \theta^{(i)}, \theta^{(i)}, \theta^{(i)}, \theta^{(i)}, \theta^{(i)} \)
18. \( \phi^{(i)} := \text{Goldstein-Price StepSizeRule}() \)
19. \( \phi^{(i)} := \text{Reliability analysis}() \)
20. for \( i = 1 \) to \( n \) do
21. \( \theta_i := \text{Reliability analysis}() \)
22. \( \theta_i := \text{Reliability analysis}() \)
23. end for
24. \( \text{Refine} := \text{true} \)
25. \( \text{Optimize} := \text{max} \left( \hat{\mathbb{F}} - \hat{\mathbb{F}} \right) > \epsilon_\theta \)
26. end while
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Bayesian RBDO algorithms?

- A few GP-based algorithms have been proposed, notably:
  - Dubourg and co-authors (2011a, 2011b): RBDO-N2LA

- Complex, “weakly Bayesian” algorithms... e.g., RBDO-N2LA:

  RBDO-N2LA is available in FERUM (Bourrinet et al, 2009)
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In step 2. no new evaluations need to be carried out

- the posterior distribution of $\xi$ is used to assess uncertainties
RBDO and other formulations: alternative approach

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... Robust design through multi-objective optimization ...
Lecture 1: From meta-models to UQ

1.1 Introduction
1.2 Black-box modeling
1.3 Bayesian approach
1.4 Posterior distribution of a quantity of interest
1.5 Complements on Gaussian processes

Lecture 2: Bayesian optimization (BO)

2.1. Decision-theoretic framework
2.2. From Bayes-optimal to myopic strategies
2.3. Design under uncertainty

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