

CSE-473: Gaussian Processes for Bayesian Filtering

High-level Idea of GPs

- Non-parametric regression model
- Distribution over functions
- Fully specified by training data and kernel function
- Output variables are jointly Gaussian
- Covariance given by distance of inputs in kernel space

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Gaussians

Picture from [Bishop: Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning, 2006]

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})}$$

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Marginalization / Conditioning

Pictures from [Bishop: PRML, 2006]

$p(x_a) = N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_a, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa})$

$p(x_a | x_b) = N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b})$

$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_a + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb}^{-1} (x_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)$

$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba}$

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GP Setting

- Outputs are noisy function of inputs:
 $y_i = f(x_i) + \epsilon$
- GP prior: Outputs jointly zero-mean Gaussian:
 $p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{X}) = N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I})$
- Covariance given by kernel matrix over inputs:

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} k(x_1, x_1) & \dots & k(x_1, x_n) \\ k(x_2, x_1) & \dots & k(x_2, x_n) \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ k(x_n, x_1) & \dots & k(x_n, x_n) \end{bmatrix} \quad k(x, x') = \sigma_f^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-x')^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda} (x-x')}$$

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Functions Sampled from Prior

Pictures from [Bishop: PRML, 2006]

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GP Prediction

- Training data:

$$D = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\} = (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y})$$
- Prediction given training samples:

$$p(y^* | \mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) = N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\mu = \mathbf{k}^{*T} (\mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{k}^*[i] = k(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$\sigma^2 = k(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}^*) - \mathbf{k}^{*T} (\mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{k}^*$$

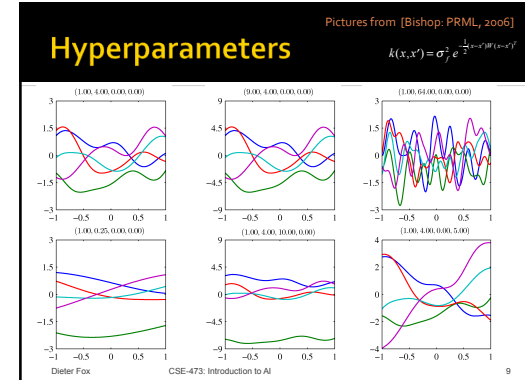
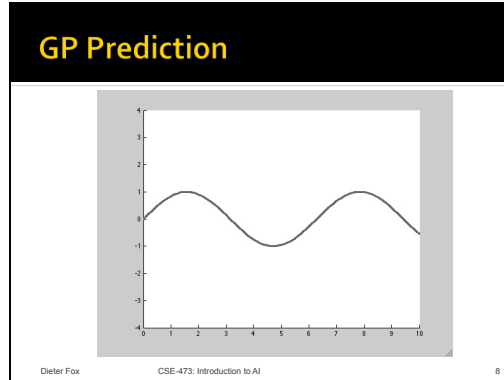
$$p(x_a | x_b) = N(\mu_{ab}, \Sigma_{ab})$$

$$\mu_{ab} = \mu_a + \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} (x_b - \mu_b)$$

$$\Sigma_{ab} = \Sigma_{aa} - \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{bb}^{-1} \Sigma_{ba}$$

Recall conditional

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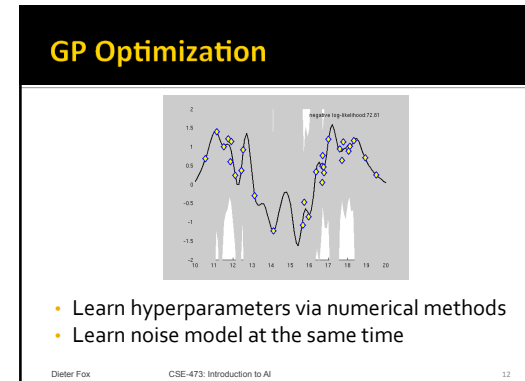
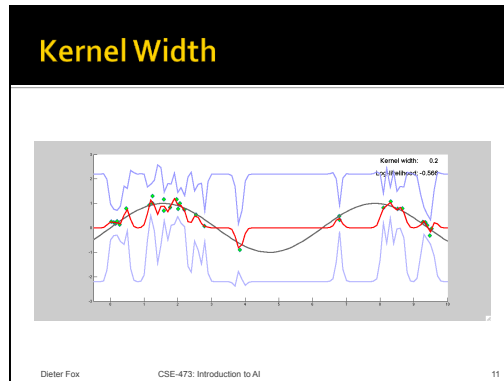
Hyperparameter Estimation

- Maximize data log likelihood:

$$\theta_* = \arg \max_{\theta} p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{X}, \theta)$$

$$\log p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{X}, \theta) = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T (\mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y} - \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{K} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}| - \frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi$$
- Compute derivatives wrt. params $\theta = \langle \sigma_n^2, l, \sigma_f^2 \rangle$
- Optimize using conjugate gradient descent

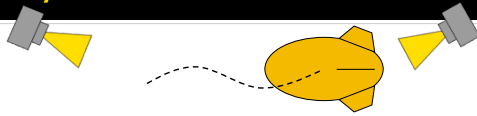
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Bayesian Filtering with GPs

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Dynamics and Observation Models

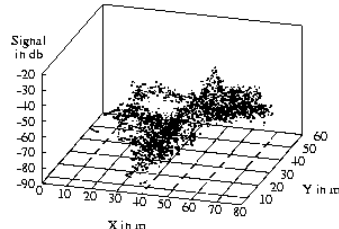


- System modeling
 - Learn behavior of the system given ground truth states
- Dynamics model
 - Discrete-time model of change over time
- Observation model
 - Mapping between states and observations
- Traditionally use parametric models
 - Derive system equations then learn parameters

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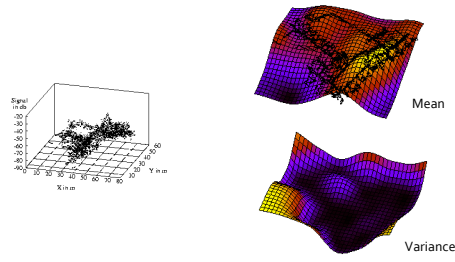
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WiFi Sensor Model



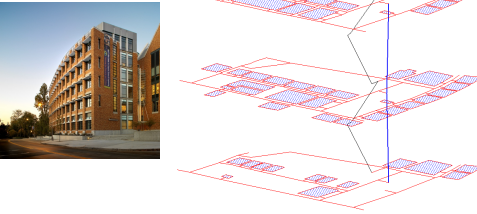
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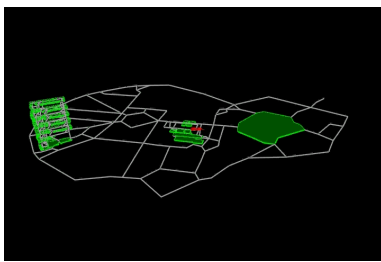
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Mixed Representation



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Tracking Example



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Blimp Test Platform

- System:
 - Commercial blimp envelope with custom gondola
 - XScale based computer with Bluetooth connectivity
 - Two main motors with tail motor (3D control)
- Observations:
 - Two cameras each operating at 1Hz
 - Extract ellipse using computer vision (5D observations)
 - Ground truth obtained via VICON motion capture system

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Non-linear Parametric Model

$$\dot{s} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ \xi \\ v \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_s^T v \\ H(\xi) \\ M^{-1}(\sum Forces - \omega * Mv) \\ J^{-1}(\sum Torques - \omega * J\omega) \end{bmatrix}$$

- 12-D state=[pos,rot,transvel,rotvel]
- Describes evolution of state as ODE
- Forces / torques considered: buoyancy, gravity, drag, thrust
- 16 parameters are learned by optimization on ground truth motion capture data

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Learning GP Dynamics and Observation Models

- Use ground truth state to extract:
 - Dynamics data $D_s = \langle \{s_1, c_1\}, \Delta s_1 \rangle, \langle \{s_2, c_2\}, \Delta s_2 \rangle \dots$
 - Observation data $D_o = \langle \{s_1, o_1\} \rangle, \langle \{s_2, o_2\} \rangle \dots$
- Learn models using Gaussian process regression
 - Learn process noise inherent in system

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Learning Enhanced-GP Models

- Combine GP model with parametric model $D_x = \langle \{s_1, c_1\}, \Delta s_1 - f(\{s_1, c_1\}) \rangle$
- Advantages
 - Captures aspects of system not considered by parametric model
 - Learns noise model in same way as GP-only models
 - Higher accuracy for same amount of training data

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GP Modeling Accuracy

Dynamic model error

Propagation method	pos(mm)	rot(deg)	vel(mm/s)	rotvel(deg/s)
Param	3.3	0.5	14.6	1.5
GPonly	1.8	0.2	9.8	1.1
EGP	1.6	0.2	9.6	1.3

Observation model error

Modeling method	pos(pixel)	Major axis(pixel)	Minor axis(pixel)	Theta(deg)
Param	7.1	2.9	5.7	9.2
GPonly	4.7	3.2	1.9	9.1
EGP	3.9	2.4	1.9	9.4

- 1800 training points, mean error over 900 test points
- For dynamic model, 0.25 sec predictions

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GP-BayesFilters

- Traditional Bayesian filtering
 - Parametric dynamics and observation models
- GP-BayesFilters
 - GP dynamics and observation models
 - Noise derived from GP prediction uncertainty
 - Can be integrated into to Bayes filters: EKF, UKF, PF, ADF

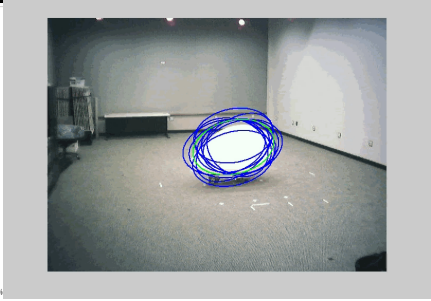
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GP-BayesFilters

- Learn GP:
 - Input: Sequence of **ground truth states** along with controls and observations: $\langle s, u, z \rangle$
 - Learn GPs for dynamics and observation models
- Filters
 - Particle filter**: sample from dynamics GP, weigh by Gaussian GP observation function
 - EKF**: GP for mean state, GP derivative for linearization
 - UKF**: GP for sigma points

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GP-UKF Tracking Example




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Blimp Results

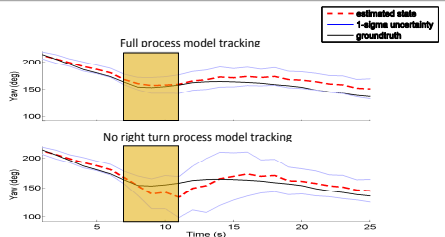
Tracking algorithm	pos(mm)	rot(deg)	vel(mm/s)	rotvel(deg/s)	MLL	time(sec)
GP-PF	91 \pm .7	6.4 \pm 1.6	52 \pm 3.7	5.0 \pm .2	9.4 \pm 1.9	449.4 \pm .21
GP-EKF	93 \pm .1	5.2 \pm .1	52 \pm .5	4.6 \pm .1	13.0 \pm .2	.29 \pm .1
GP-UKF	88 \pm .1	4.7 \pm .2	50 \pm .4	4.5 \pm .1	14.9 \pm .5	1.28 \pm .3
ParaPF	115 \pm .5	7.9 \pm .1	64 \pm 1.2	7.6 \pm .1	-4.5 \pm 4.2	30.7 \pm 5.8
ParaEKF	112 \pm .4	8.0 \pm .2	65 \pm .2	7.5 \pm .2	8.4 \pm .1	.21 \pm .1
ParaUKF	111 \pm .4	7.9 \pm .1	64 \pm .1	7.6 \pm .1	10.1 \pm .1	.33 \pm .1

- Blimp tracking using multiple cameras
- Ground truth obtained via Vicon motion tracking system
- Average tracking error
- Trajectory ~12 min long
- 0.5 sec timesteps



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Dealing With Training Data Sparsity



- Training data for right turns removed

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Going Latent

[Lawrence: NIPS-03, JMLR-05]

- Sometimes ground truth states are not or only partially available.
- Instead of optimizing over hyperparameters only $\theta_x = \arg \max_{\theta} p(y | X, \theta)$ optimize over latent states X as well $\langle X_*, \theta_* \rangle = \arg \max_{X, \theta} p(y | X, \theta)$
- GPLVM**: non-linear probabilistic dimensionality reduction

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GPDM: Latent Variable Models for Dynamical Systems

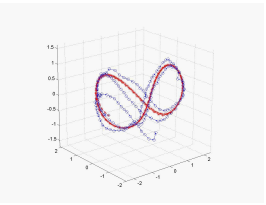
[Wang-Fleet-Hertzmann: PAMI-08]

- GPLVM with additional constraints on latent variables to model dynamical system $p(y, X, \theta) = p(y | X, \theta) p(X | \theta) p(\theta)$ $\langle X_*, \theta_* \rangle = \arg \max_{X, \theta} p(y, X, \theta)$
- Dynamics are modeled via another GP

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[Wang-Fleet-Hertzmann: PAMI-08]

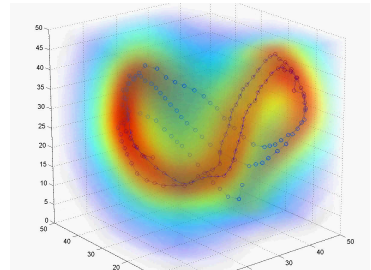
GPDM Application



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[Wang-Fleet-Hertzmann: PAMI-08]

GPDM Volume



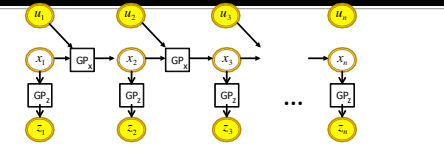
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GPBF-Learning

- Extend GPDMs to
 - incorporate control
 - incorporate sparse labels on latent states
- Steps:
 - Learn GPLVM
 - Extract GP-BayesFilter for tracking

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GPBF-Learn



- GPBF-Learn follows same structure as Bayes filter
- Learns latent states and GPs in one optimization
 - GP_s for system dynamics
 - GP_o for observation model
- Can perform system identification

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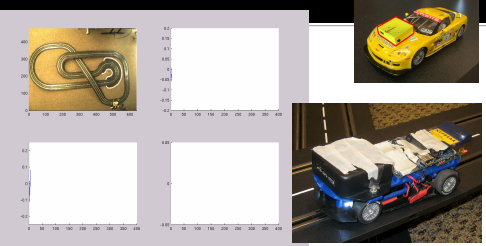
Probabilistic Framework

$$p(X, \Theta_Z, \Theta_X | Z, U, \hat{X}) \propto p(Z | X, \Theta_Z) p(X | \Theta_X, U) p(X | \hat{X}) p(\Theta_Z) p(\Theta_X)$$

- Unified probabilistic framework incorporating
 - Observation model
 - Dynamics model with controls
 - Weak labels
 - Hyperparameter priors

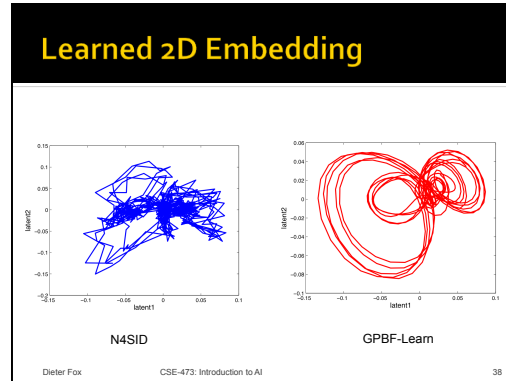
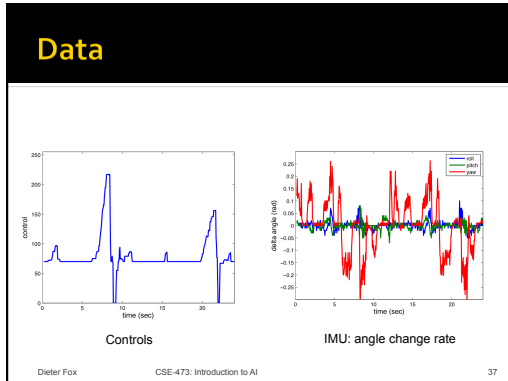
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Evaluation System: Slotcar



- Track contains banked curves, elevation changes
- Custom IMU with gyros and accelerometers
- Observations very noisy, perceptual aliasing

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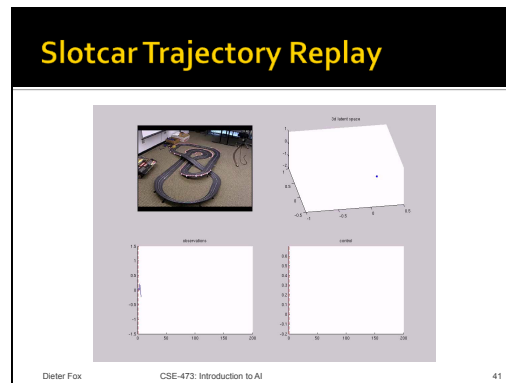
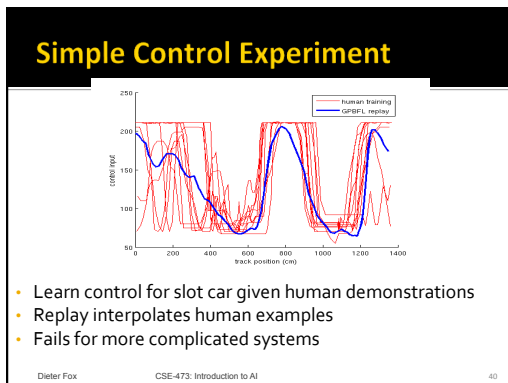


Learning by Demonstration with GPBF-Learn

The diagram shows a sequence of latent states z_1, z_2 and control actions u_1, u_2 . Each state z_i is processed by a GP block to produce a control action u_i . The control action u_i is then used to transition to the next state z_{i+1} . The GP blocks are labeled 'GP' and the transitions are labeled 'GP_x'.

- Learning strategy
 - Learn latent states using GPBF-Learn
 - Learn mapping from state to control
- Replay strategy
 - track state using GP-BayesFilter
 - use control given by control model
- Requires only observations and user demonstrated control

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- ### Other Issues
- Heteroscedastic (state dependent) noise
 - Non-stationary GPs
 - Coupled outputs
 - Sparse GPs
 - Online: Decide whether or not to accept new point
 - Remove points
 - Optimize small set of points
 - Classification
 - Laplace approximation
 - No closed-form solution, sampling
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Summary

- GPs provide flexible modeling framework
- Take data noise and uncertainty due to data sparsity into account
- Combination with parametric models increases accuracy and reduces need for training data
- Computational complexity is a key problem



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