Multioutput Gaussian Processes

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Nonparametric Gaussian Processes

- This work takes us from parametric to non-parametric.
- The limit implies infinite dimensional $\mathbf{w}$.
- Gaussian processes are generally non-parametric: combine data with covariance function to get model.
- This representation *cannot* be summarized by a parameter vector of a fixed size.

The Parametric Bottleneck

- Parametric models have a representation that does not respond to increasing training set size.
- Bayesian posterior distributions over parameters contain the information about the training data.
  - Use Bayes' rule from training data, $p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X})$,
  - Make predictions on test data

$$p(y_*|\mathbf{X}_*, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) = \int p(y_*|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X}_*) p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) \mathrm{d}\mathbf{w}) .$$

- $\mathbf{w}$ becomes a bottleneck for information about the training set to pass to the test set.
- Solution: increase m so that the bottleneck is so large that it no longer presents a problem.
- How big is big enough for m? Non-parametrics says $m \to \infty$.

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- Most well known is the "linear kernel", $k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \mathbf{x}_i^{\top}\mathbf{x}_j$.

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- Algorithms can be simpler, but probabilistic interpretation is crucial for kernel parameter optimization.

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Multiply by Deterministic Function

- If $f(\mathbf{x})$ is a Gaussian process.
- $g(\mathbf{x})$ is a deterministic function.
- $h(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x})$
- Then

$$k_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = g(\mathbf{x})k_f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')g(\mathbf{x}')$$

where k_h is covariance for $h(\cdot)$ and k_f is covariance for $f(\cdot)$.

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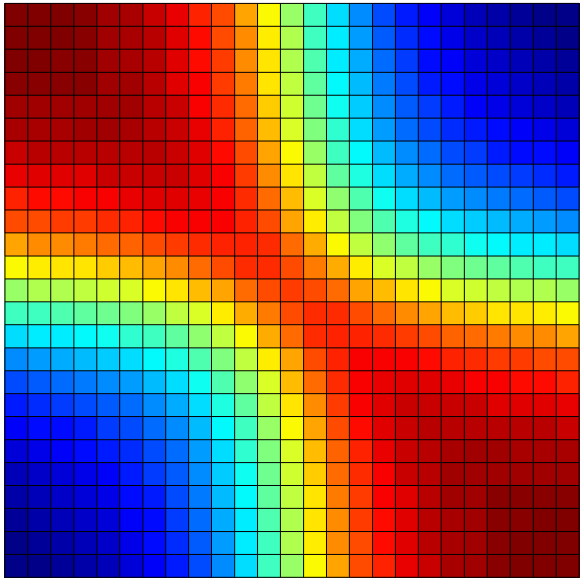

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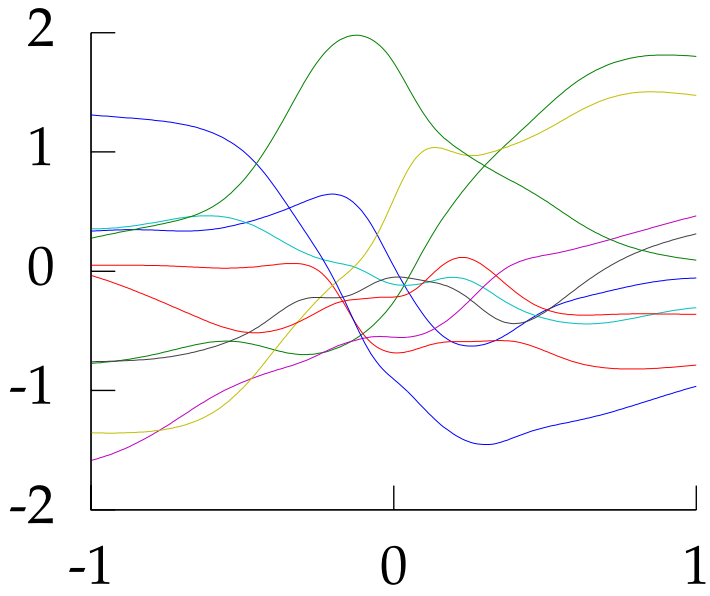

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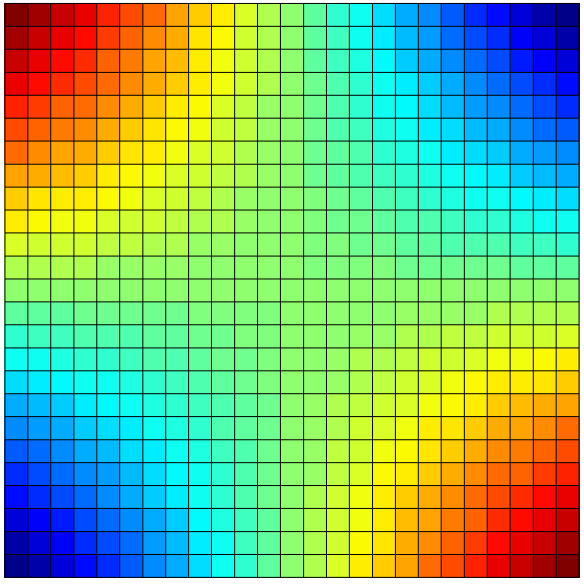

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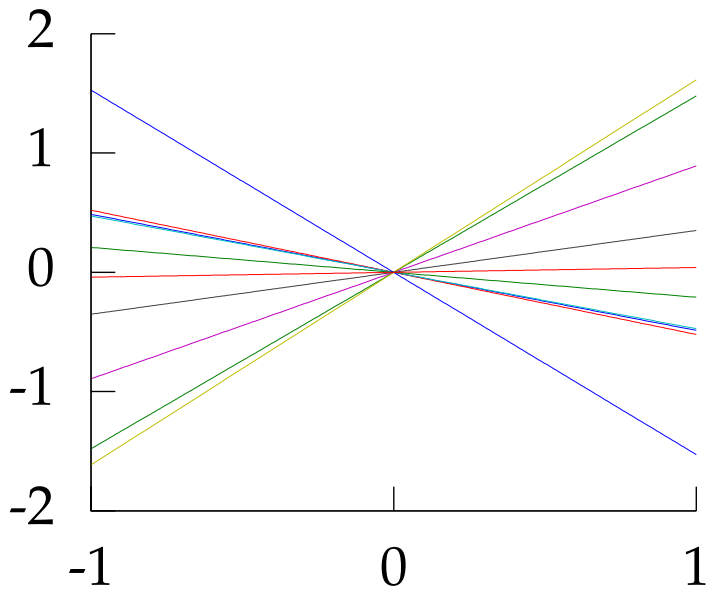

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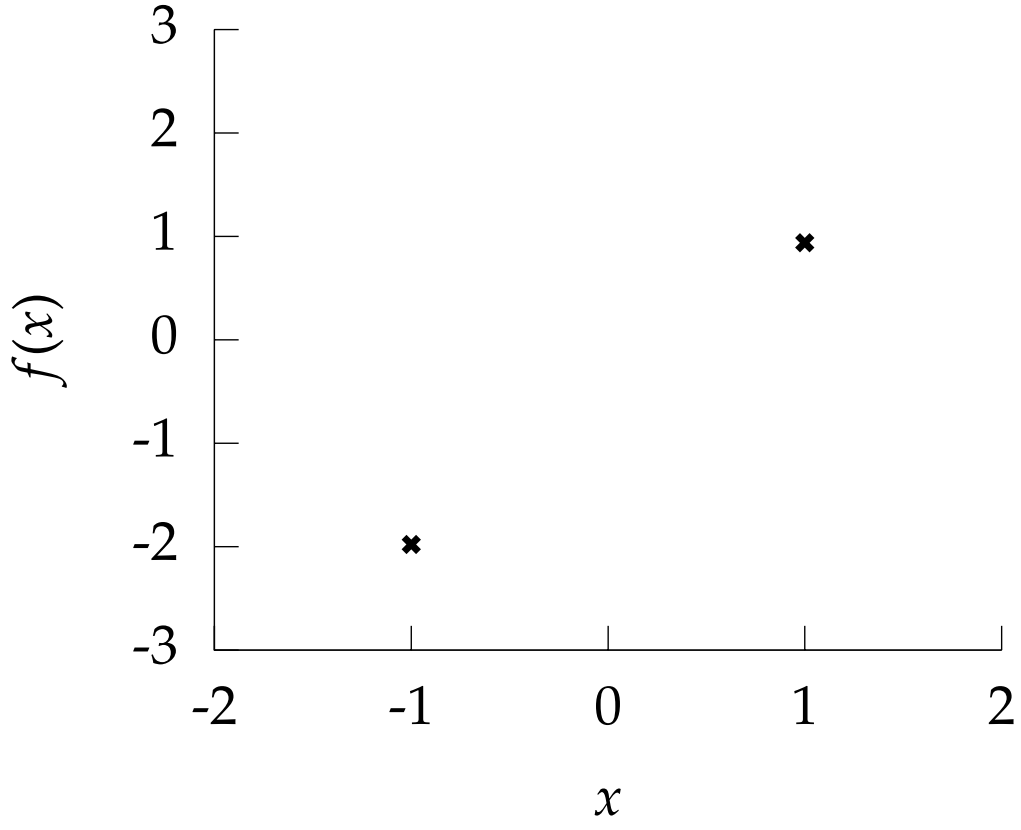

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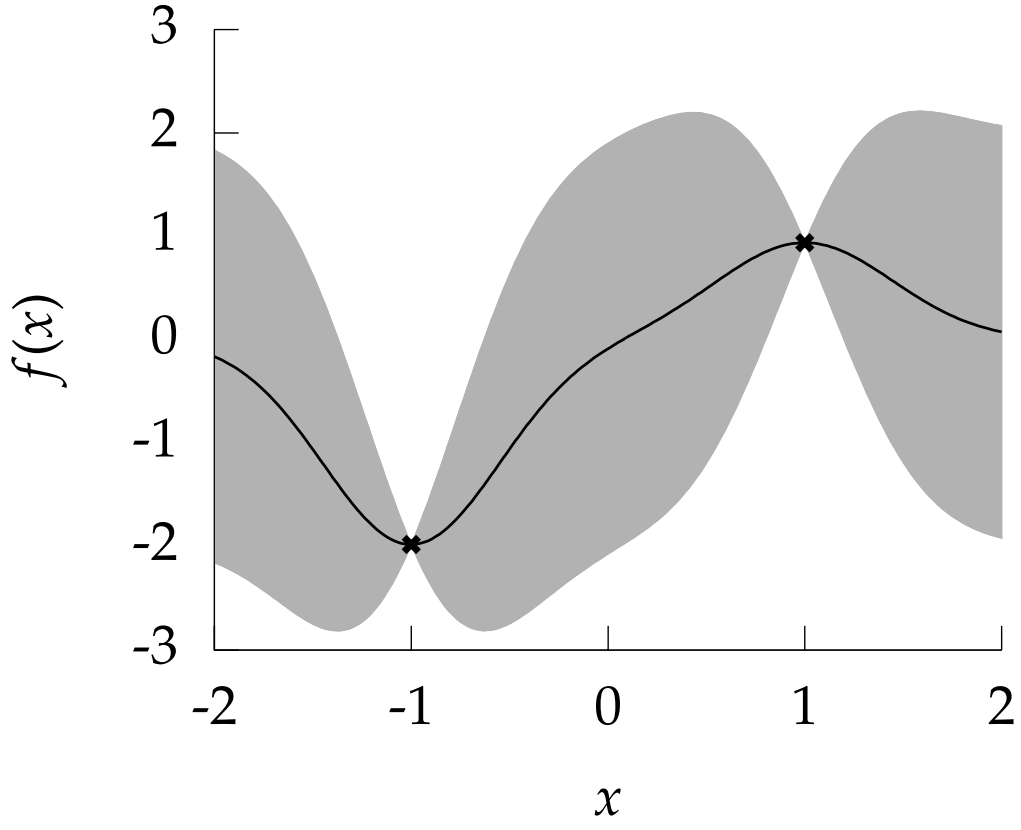

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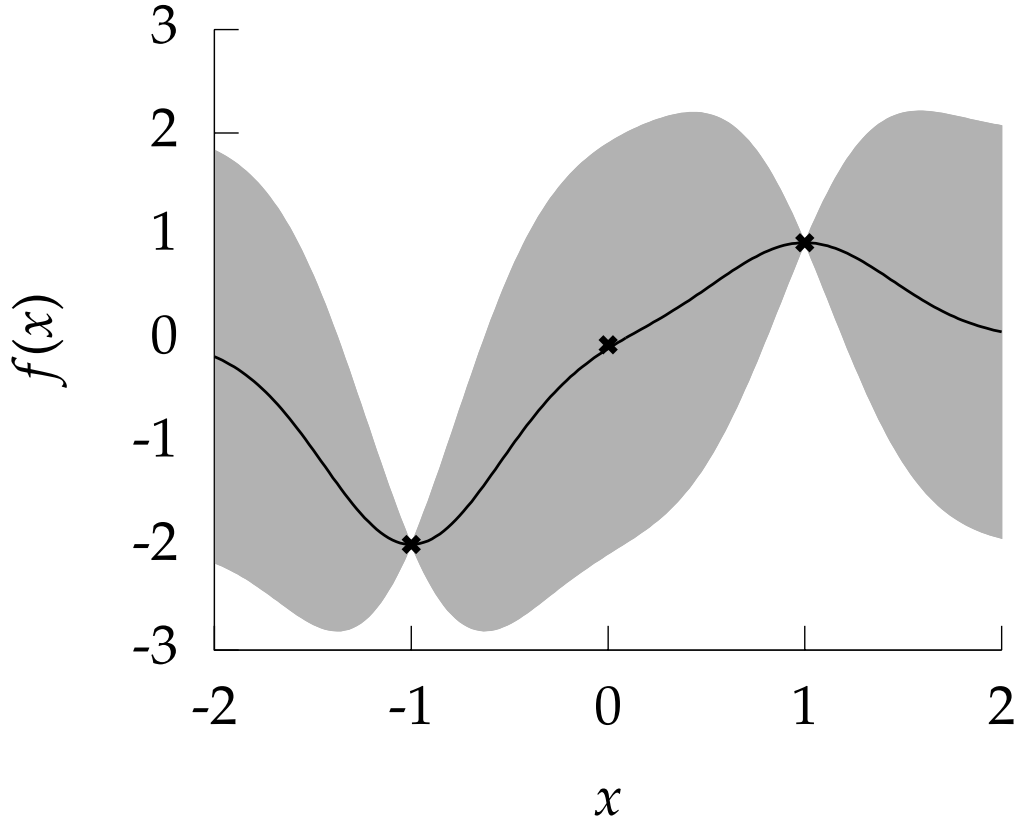

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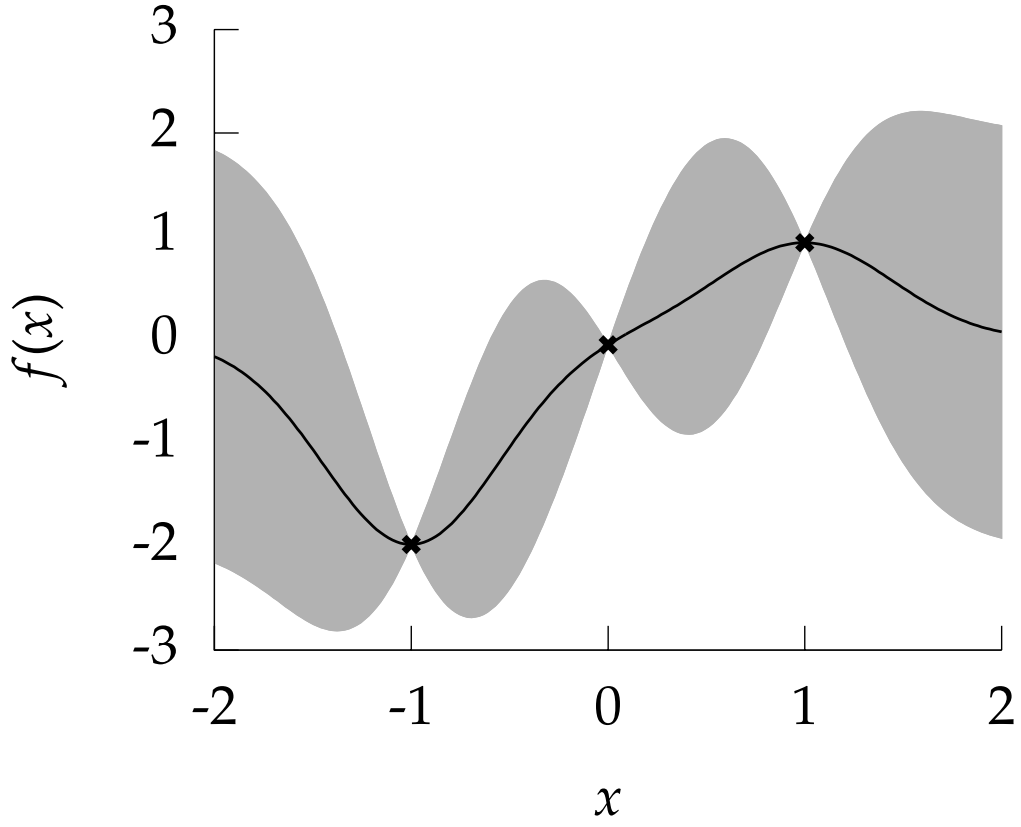

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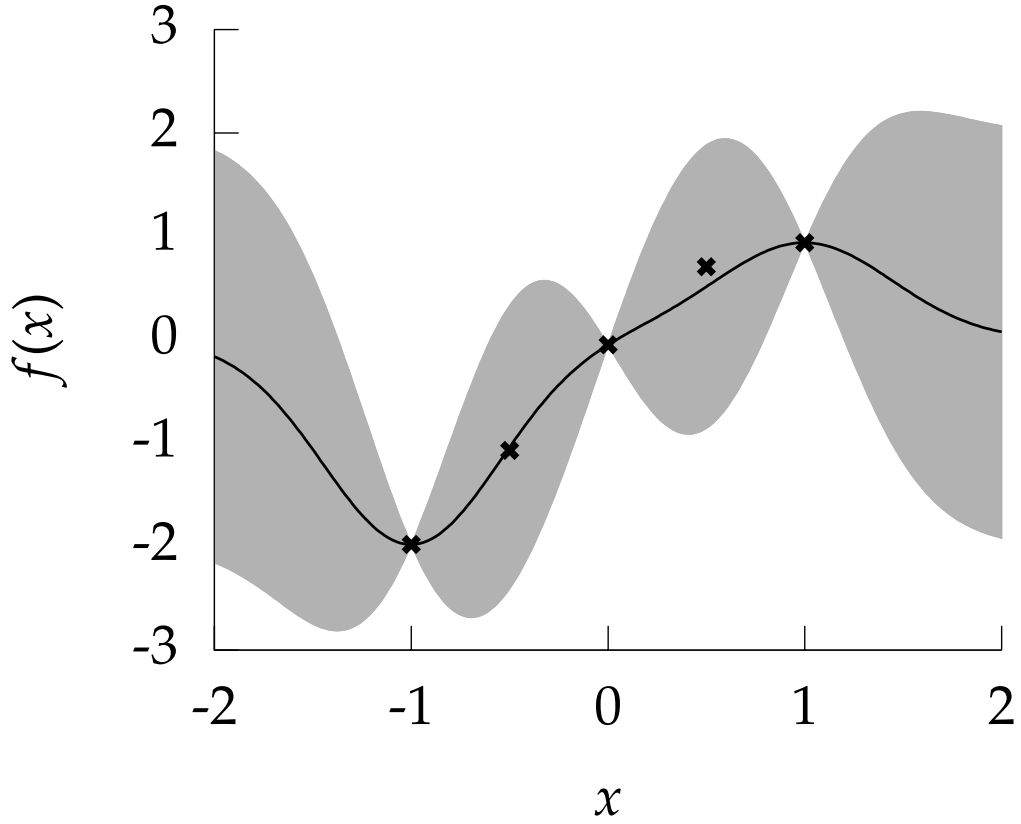

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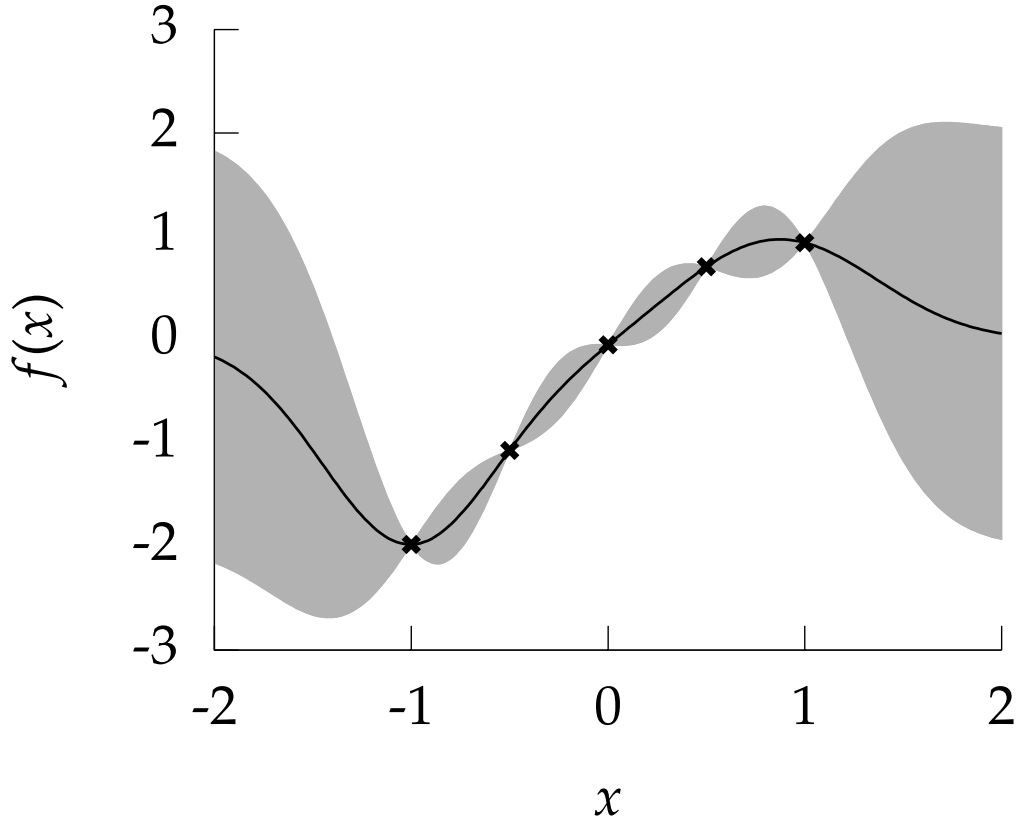

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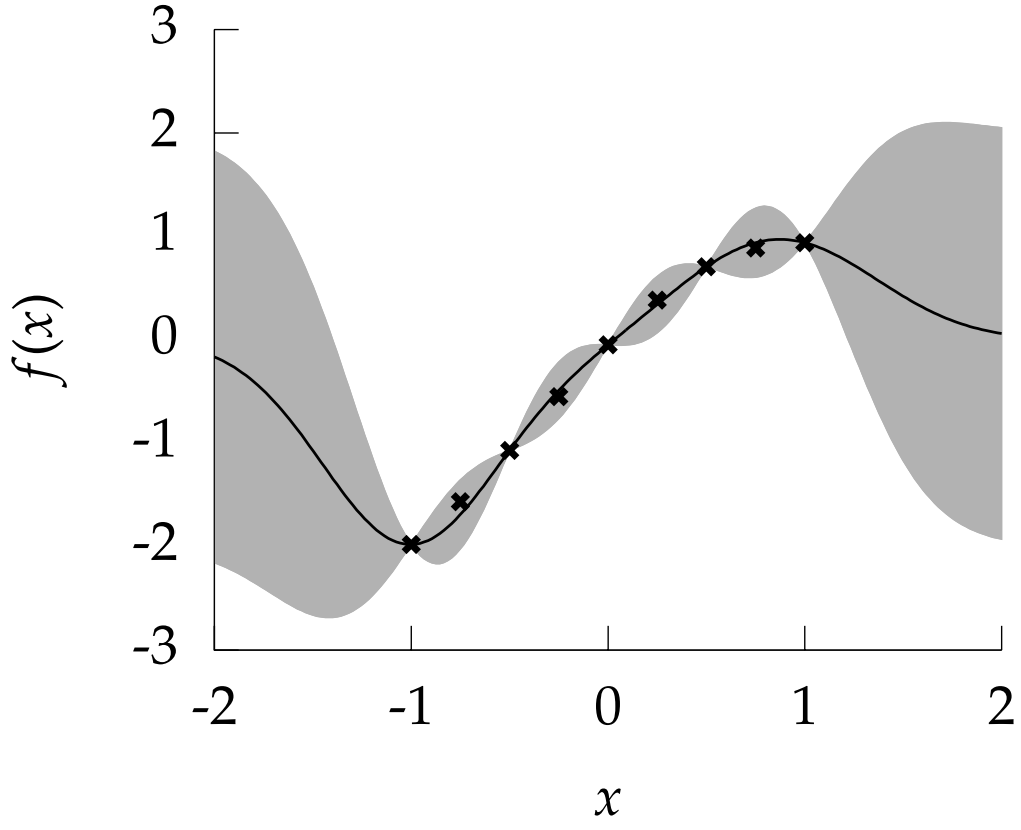

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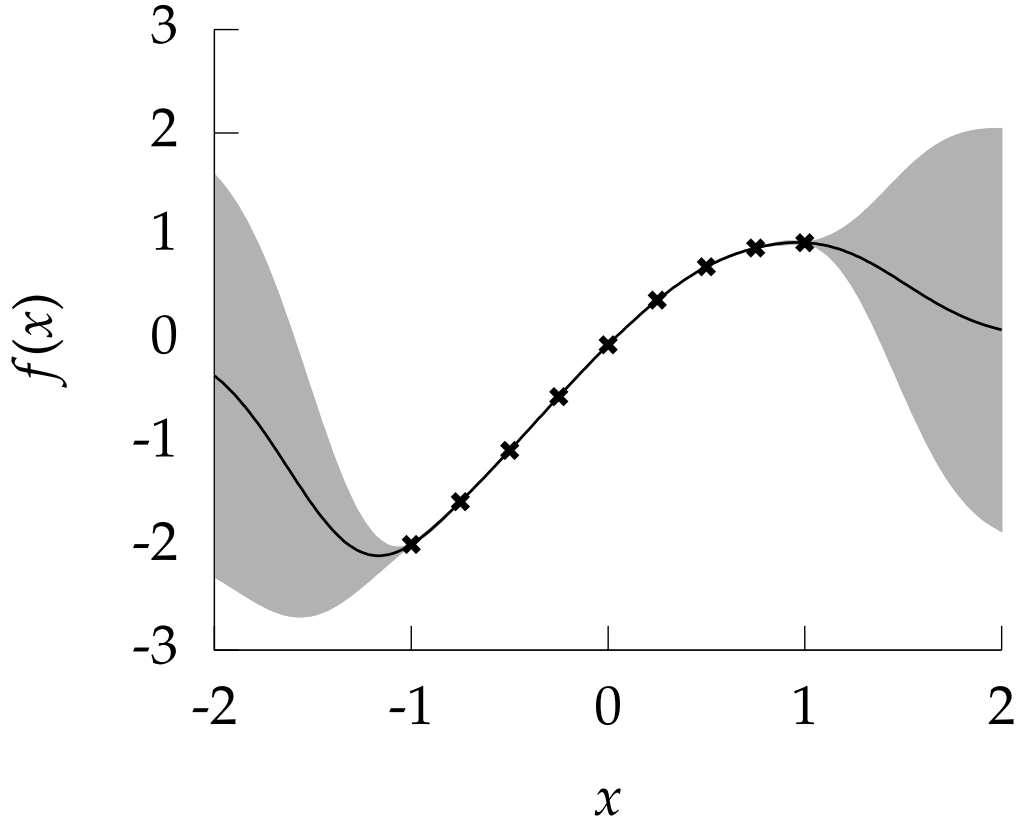

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Gaussian Noise

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$$p\left(y_i|f_i\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(y_i|f_i, \sigma^2\right)$$

  where σ^2 is the variance of the noise.
- Equivalent to a covariance function of the form

$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \delta_{i,j}\sigma^2$$

  where $\delta_{i,j}$ is the Kronecker delta function.
- Additive nature of Gaussians means we can simply add this term to existing covariance matrices.

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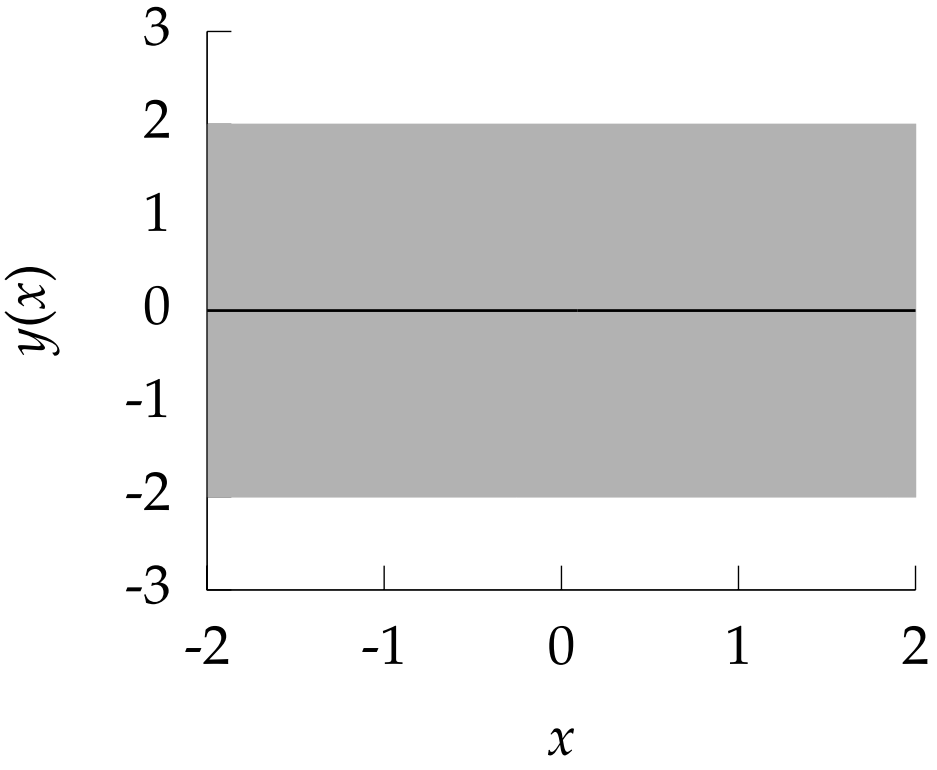

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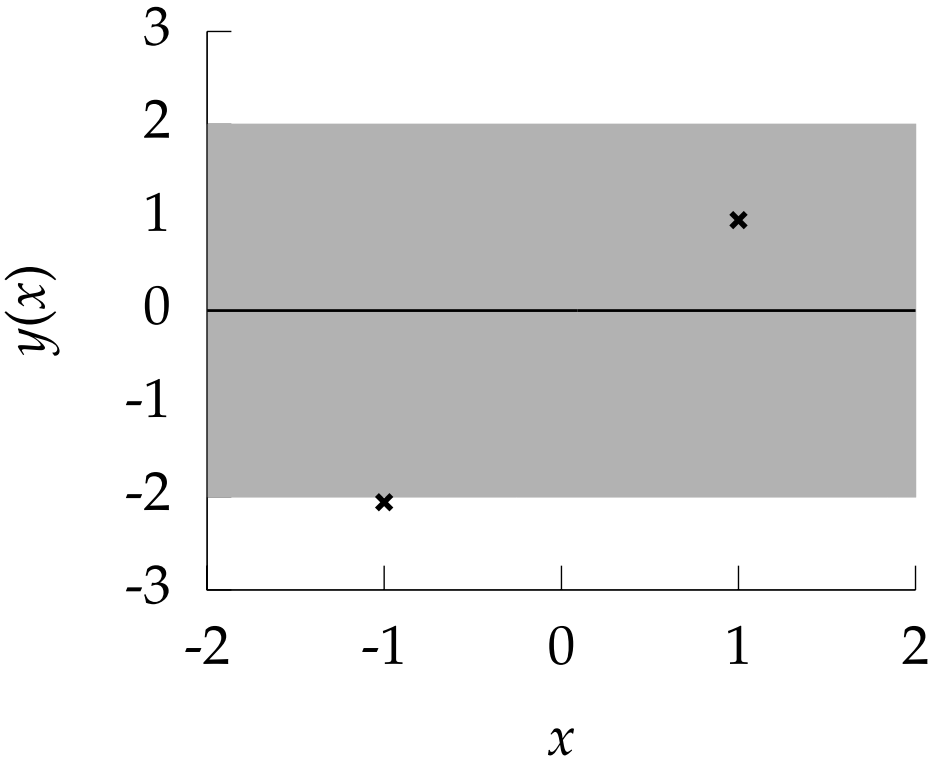

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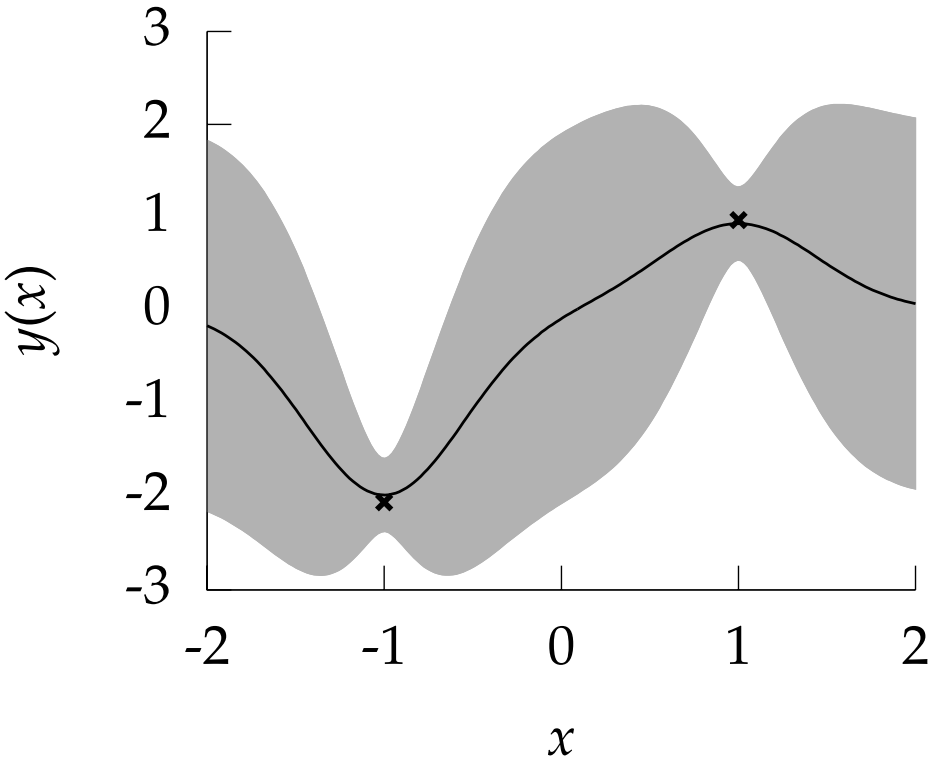

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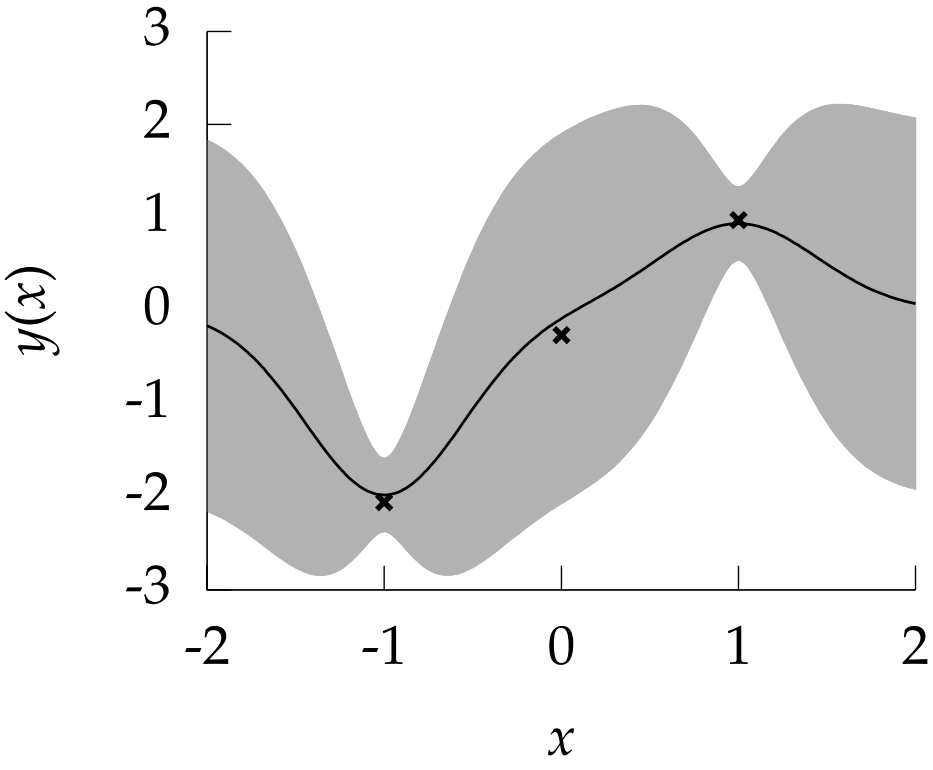

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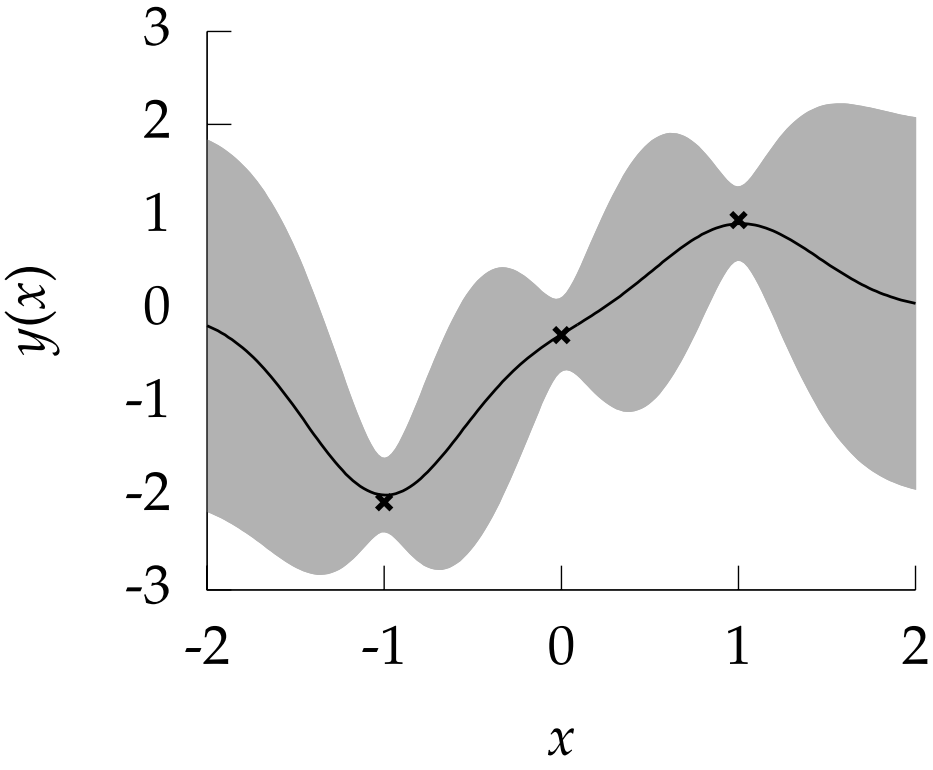

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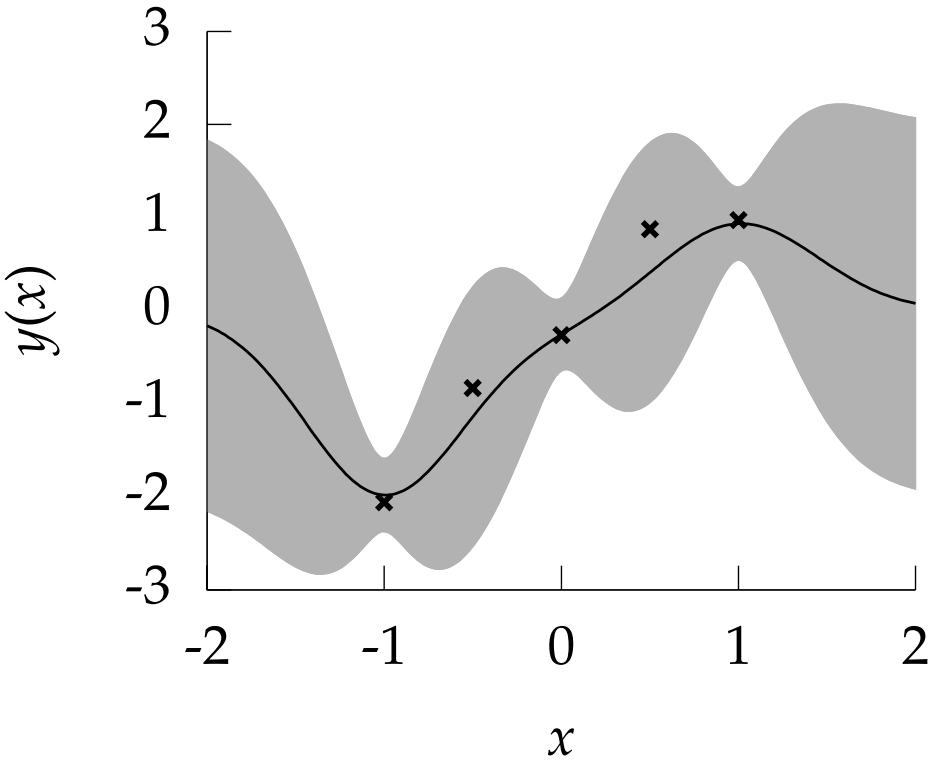

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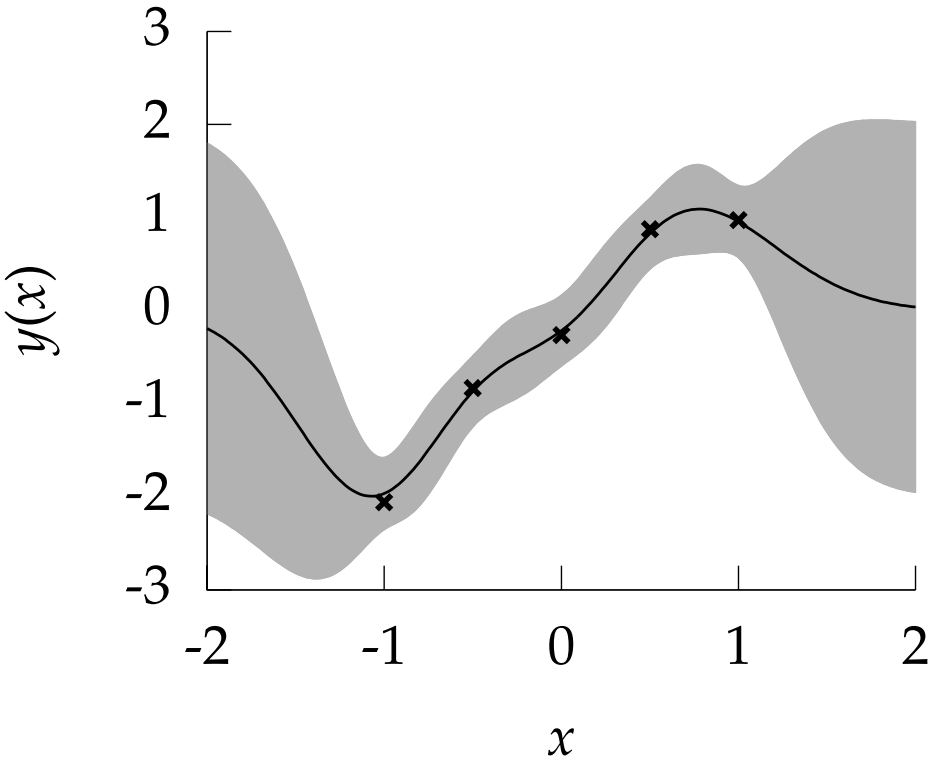

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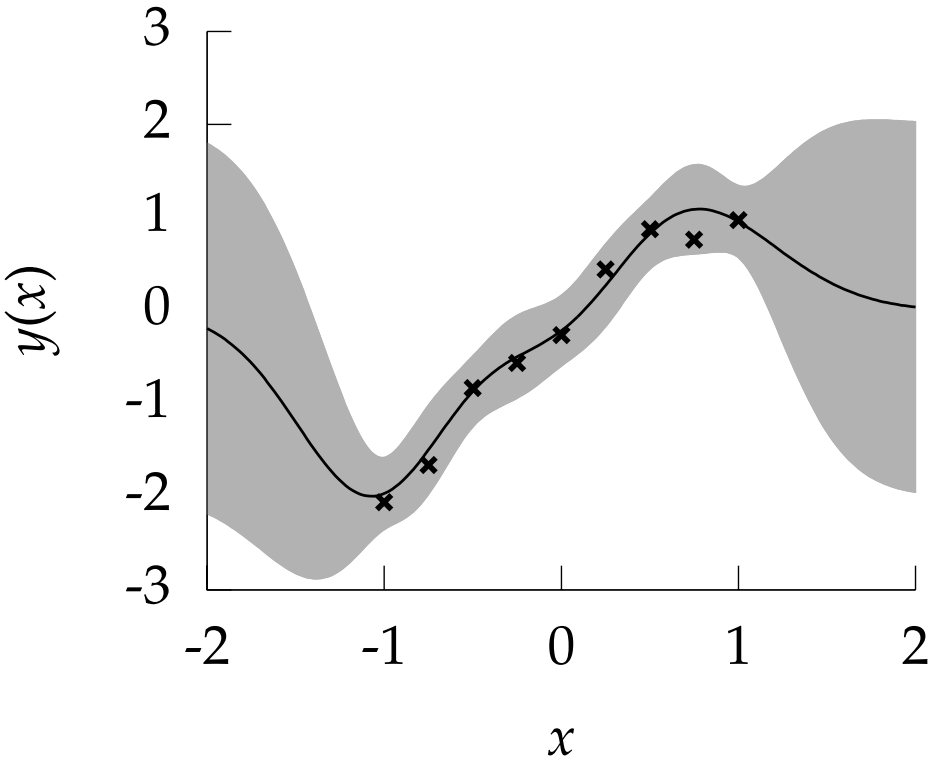

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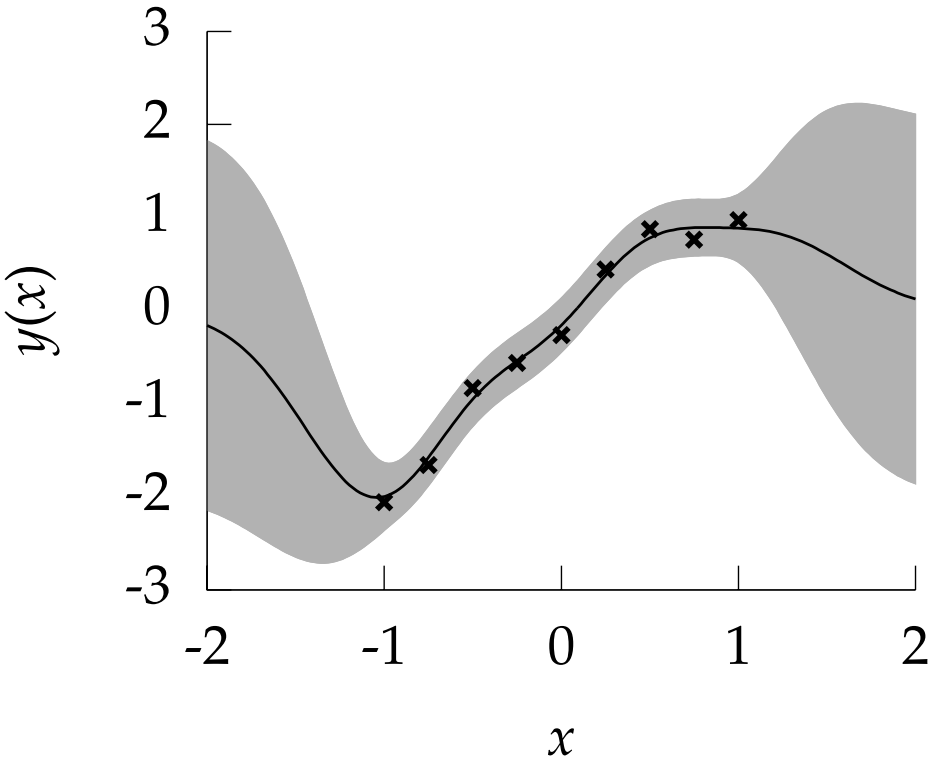

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Eigendecomposition of Covariance

A useful decomposition for understanding the objective function.

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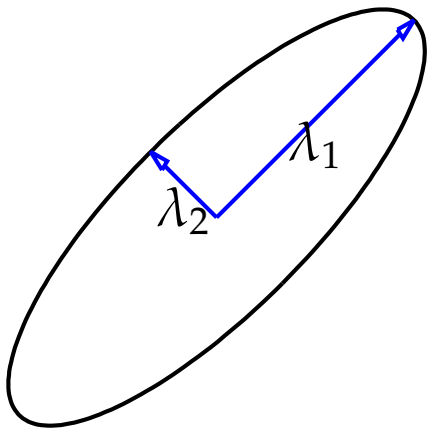

Diagonal of $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ represents distance along axes.
$\mathbf{R}$ gives a rotation of these axes.

where $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ is a *diagonal* matrix and $\mathbf{R}^\top\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$.

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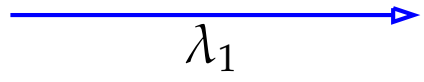

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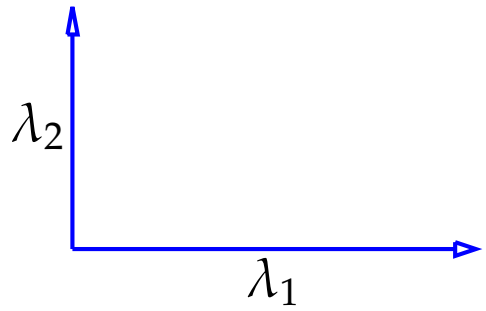

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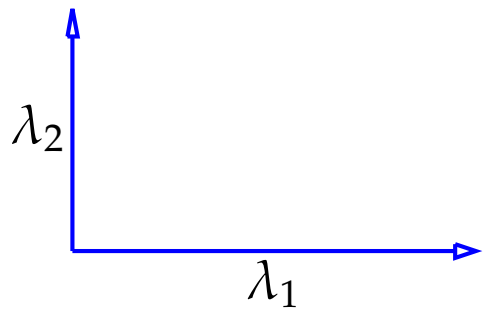

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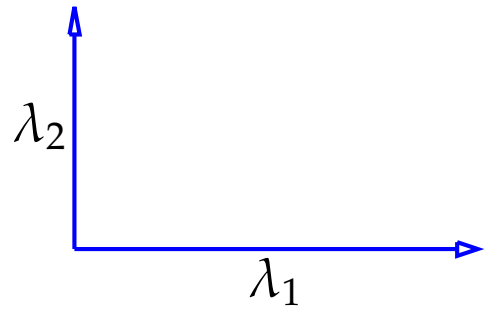

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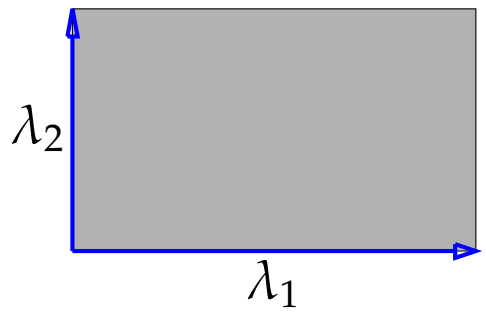

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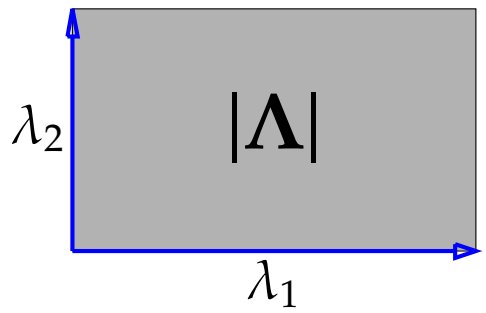

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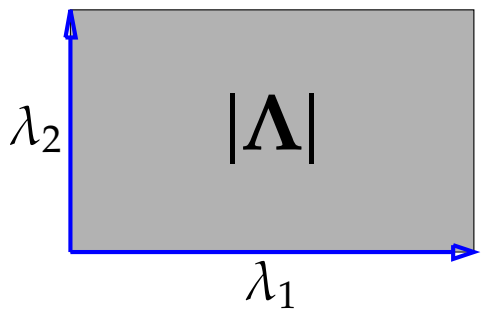

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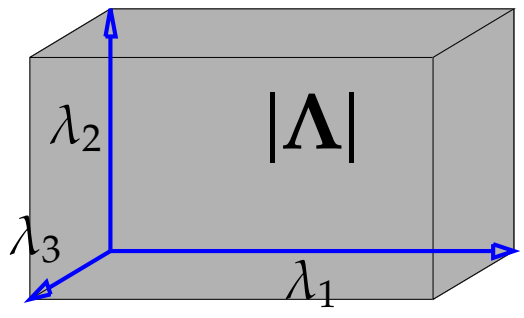

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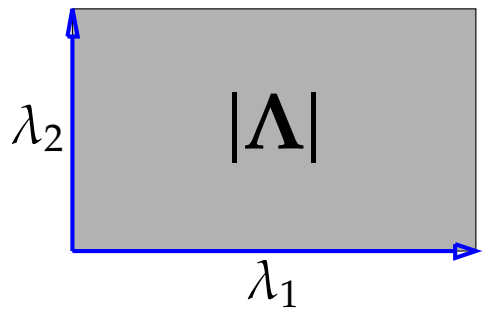

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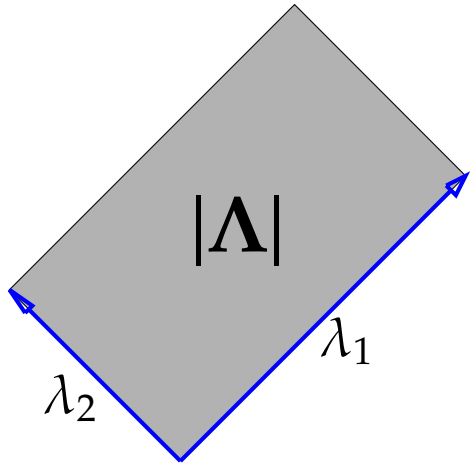

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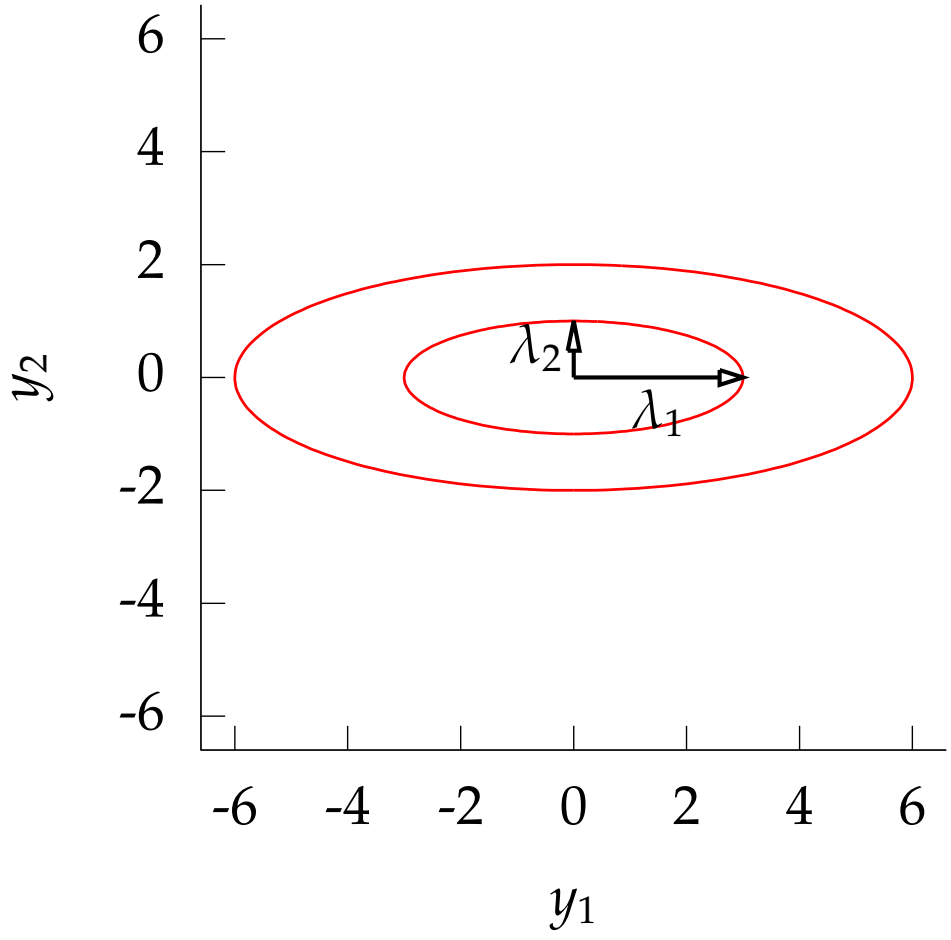

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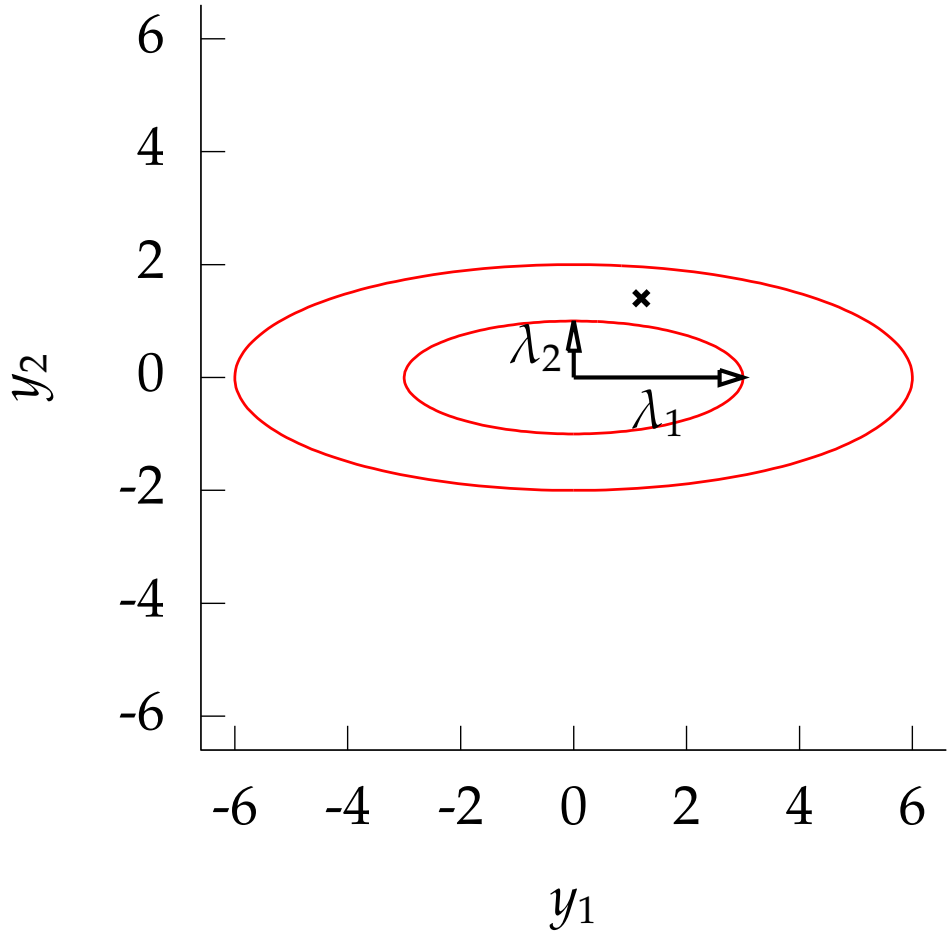

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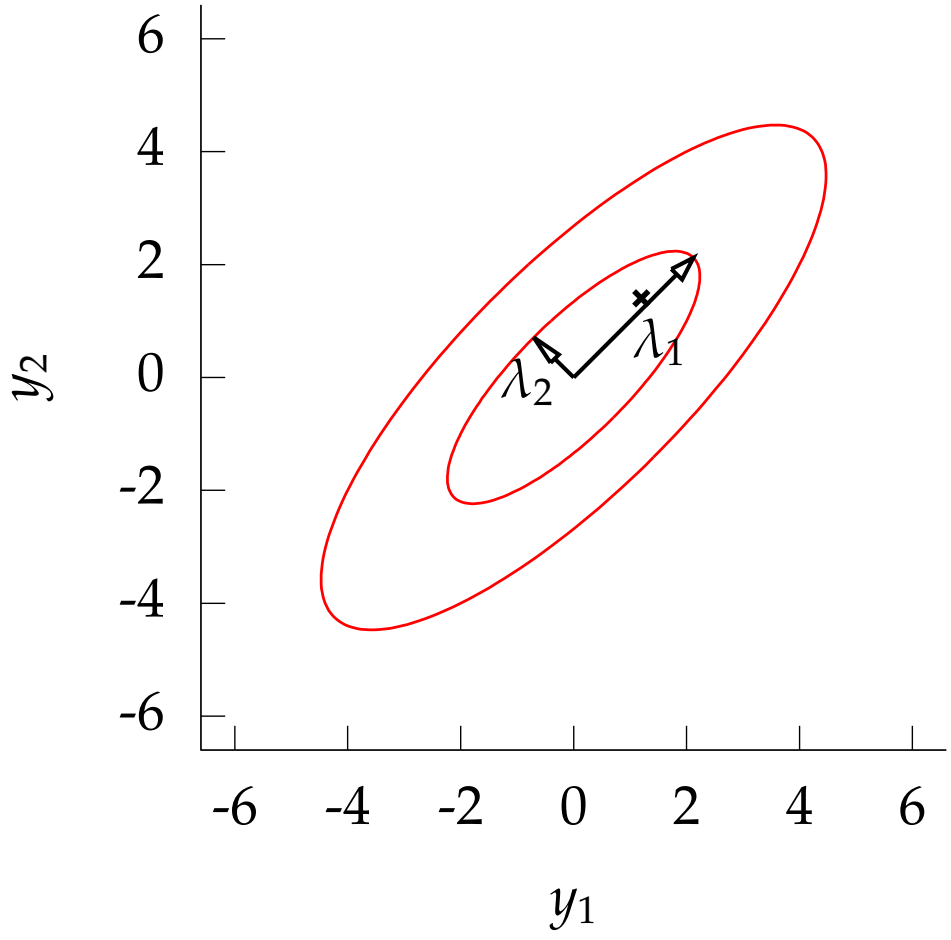

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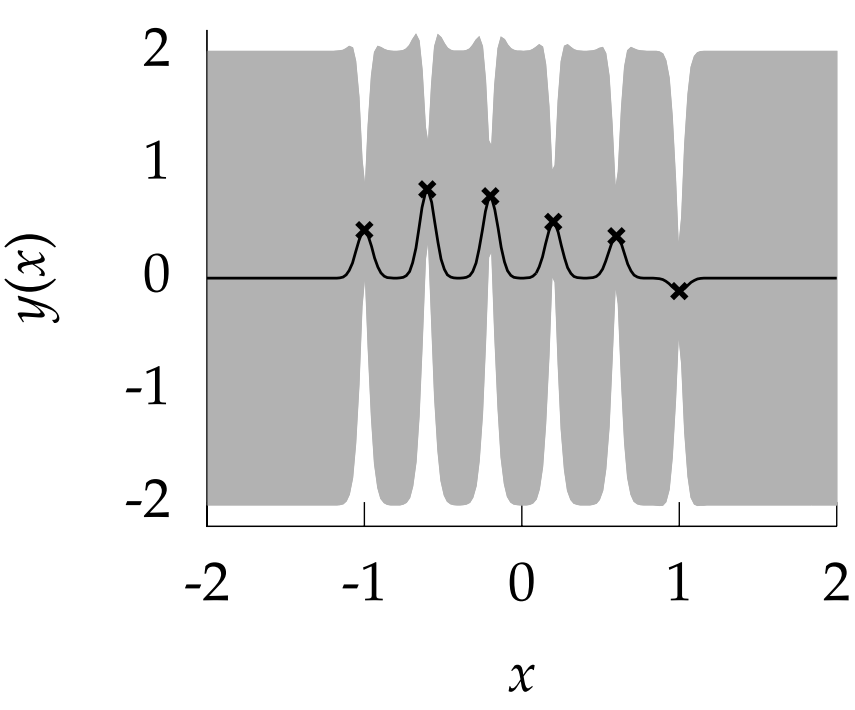

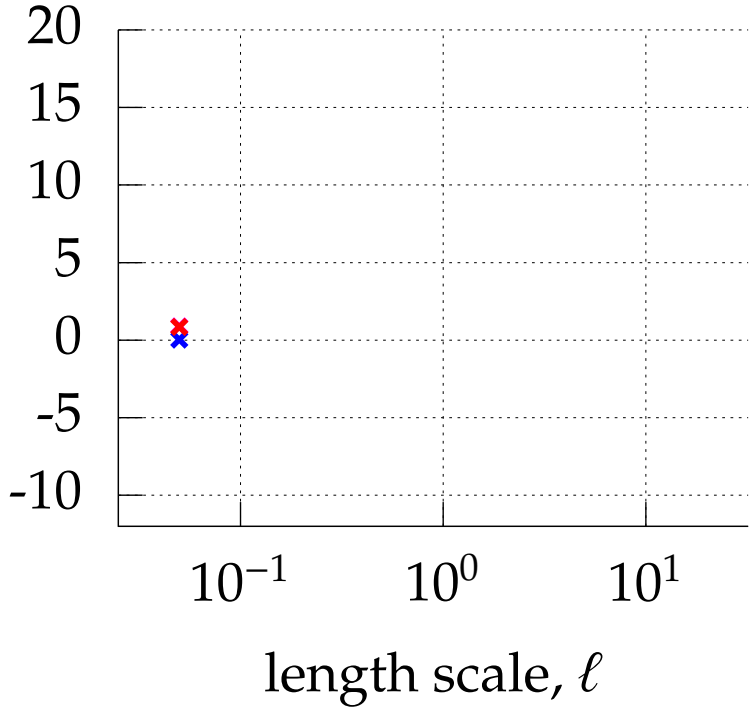

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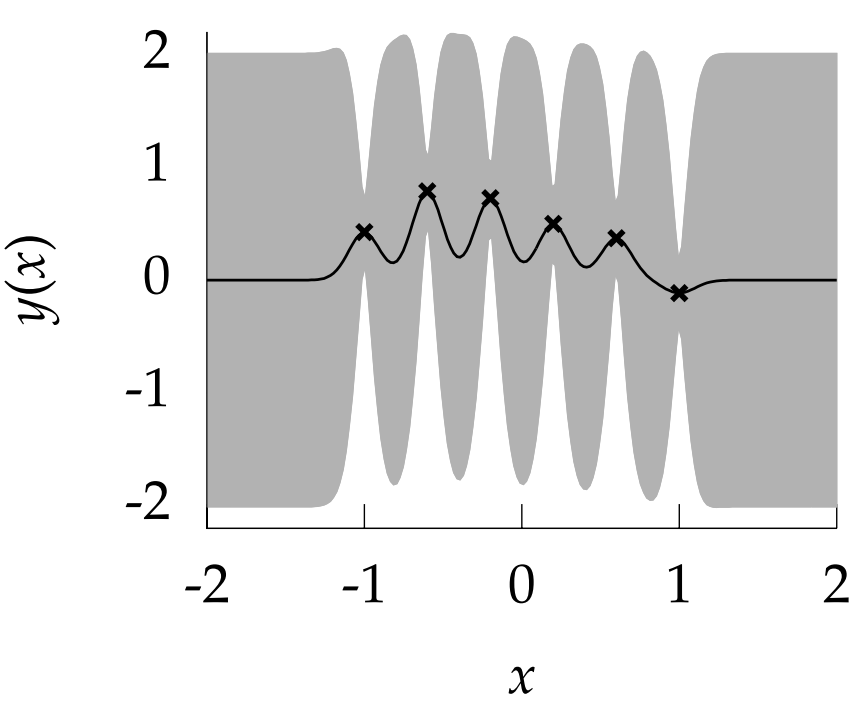

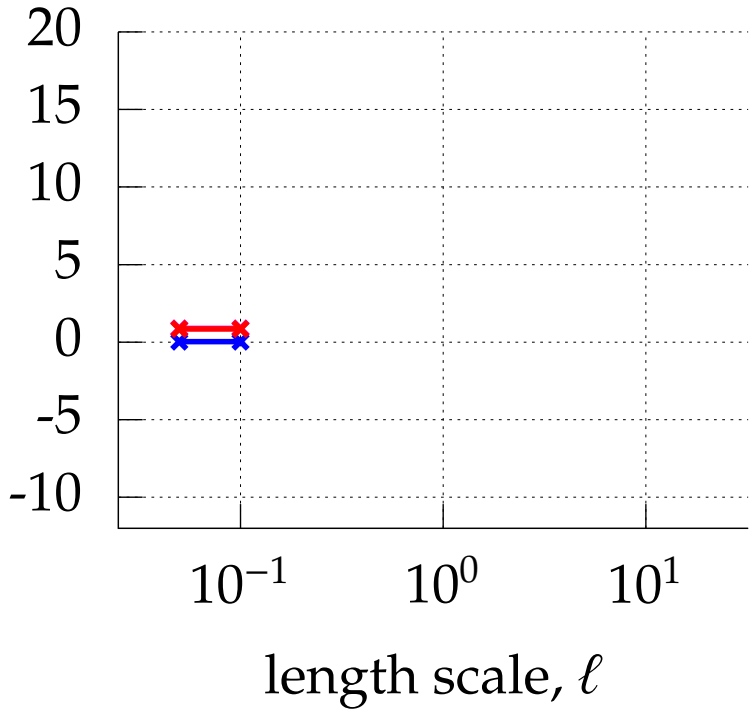

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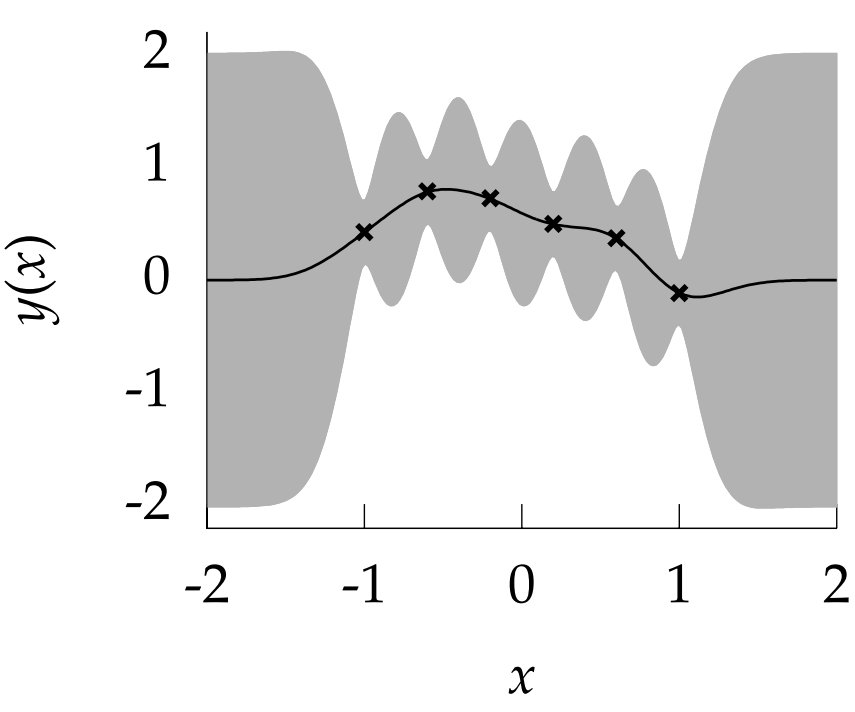

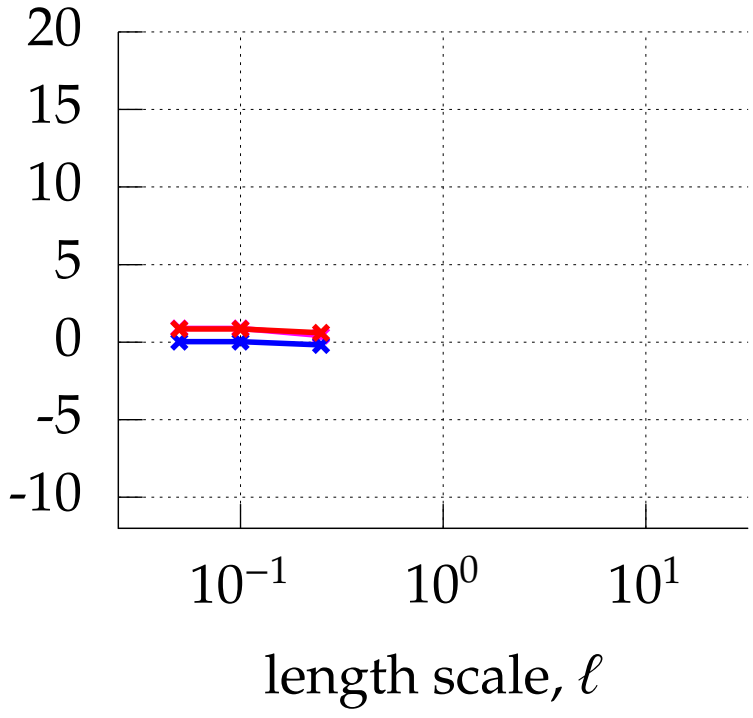

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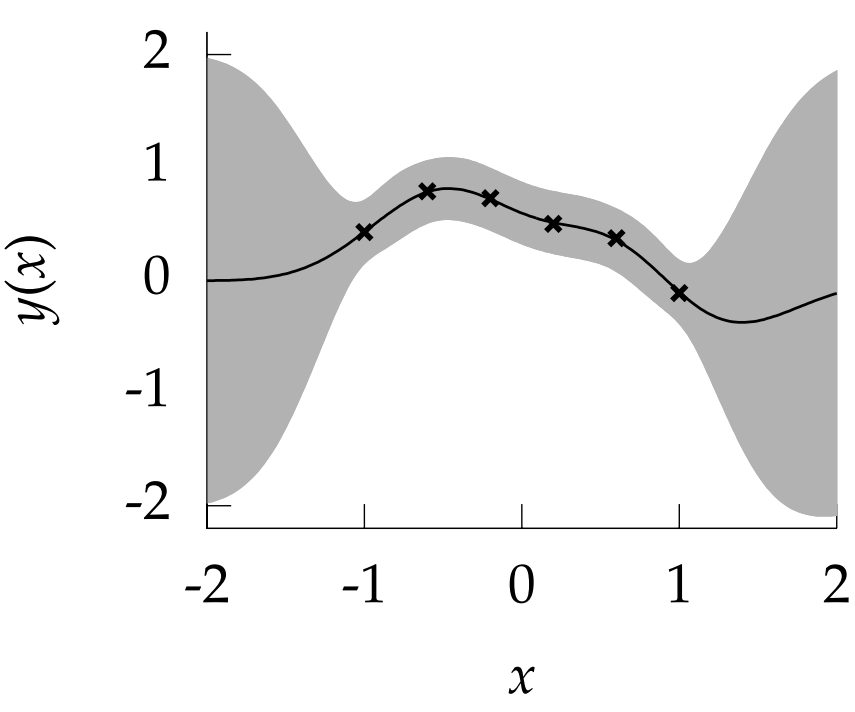

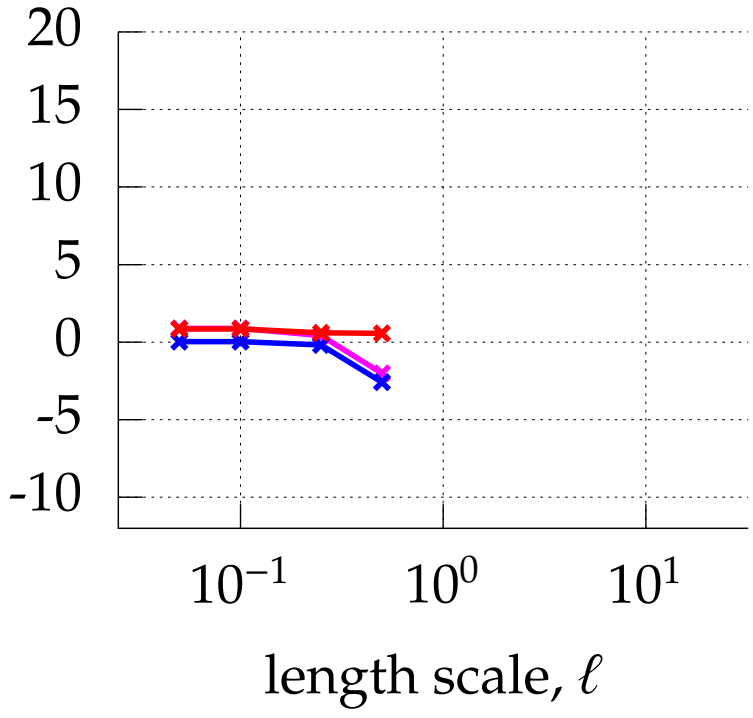

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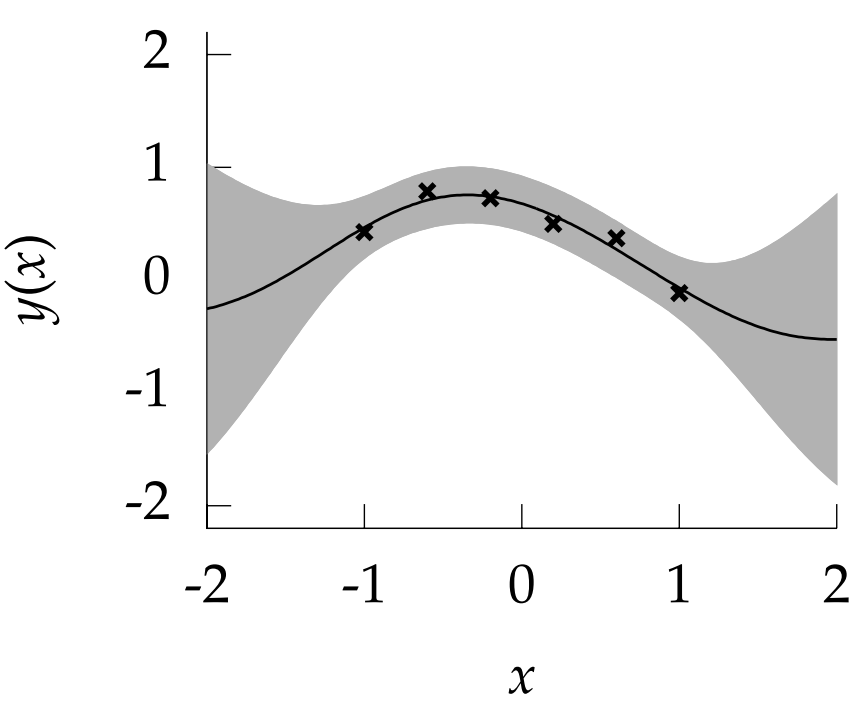

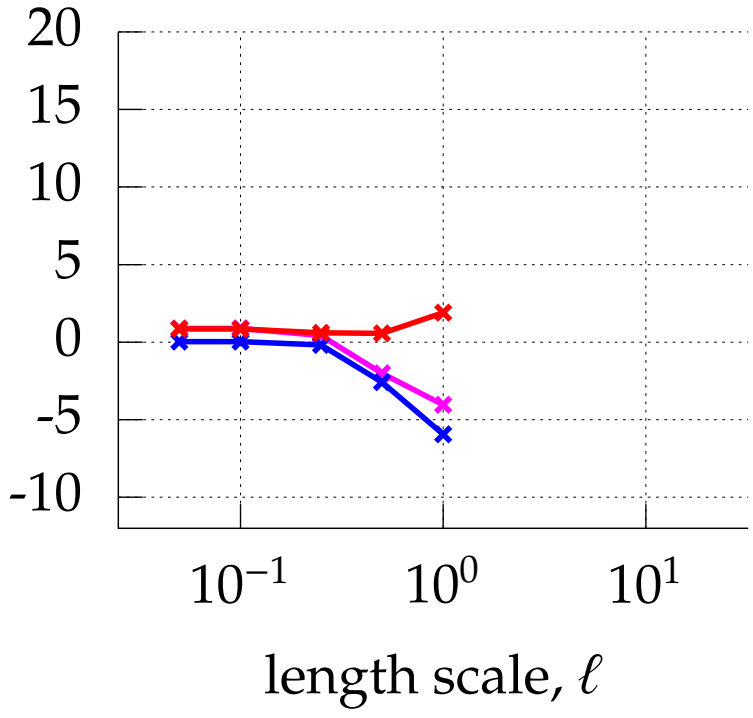

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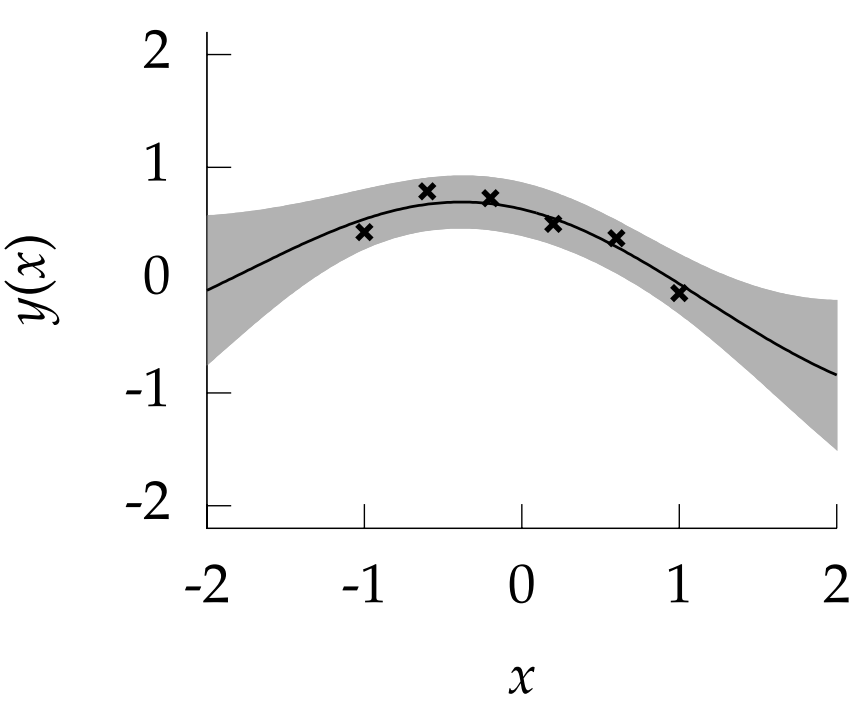

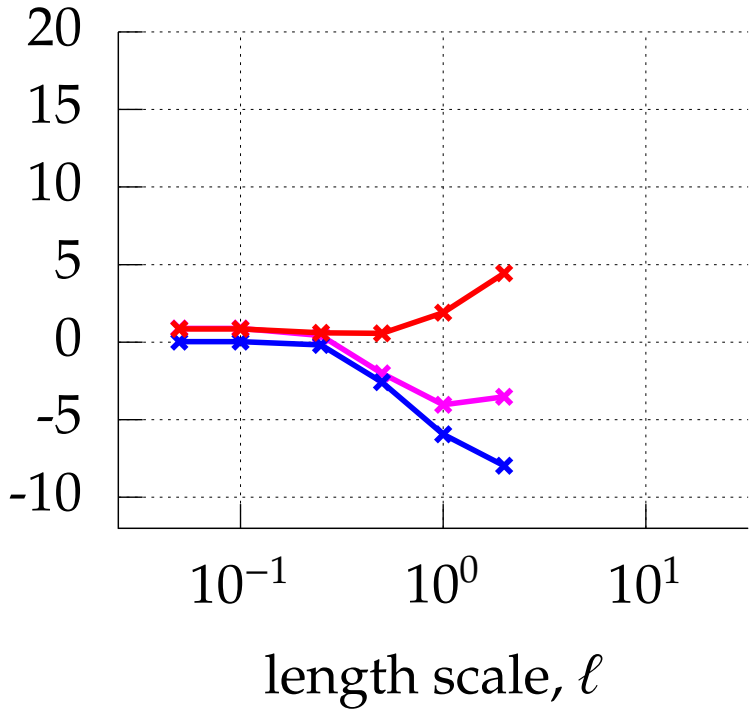

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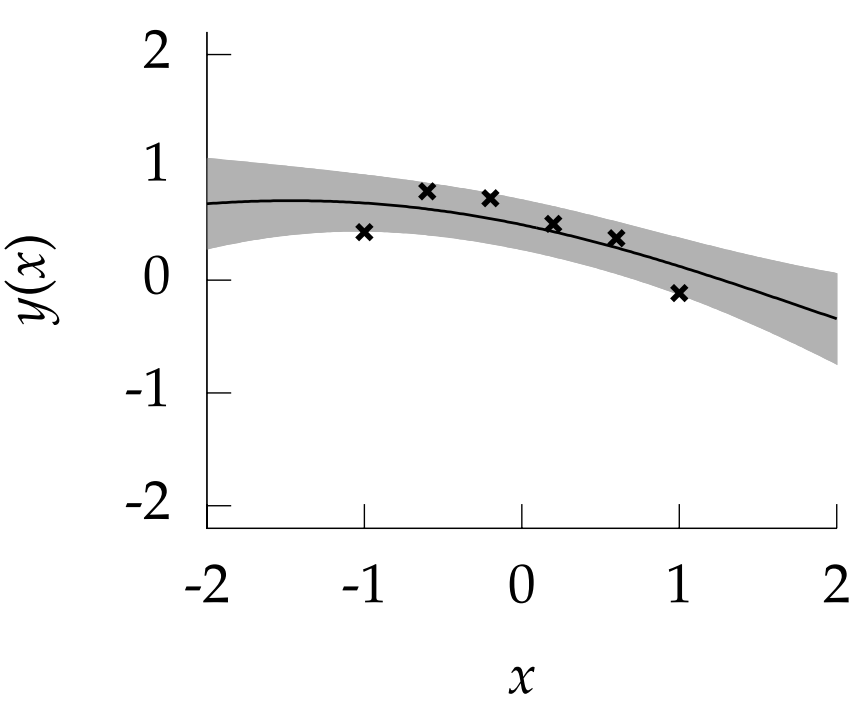

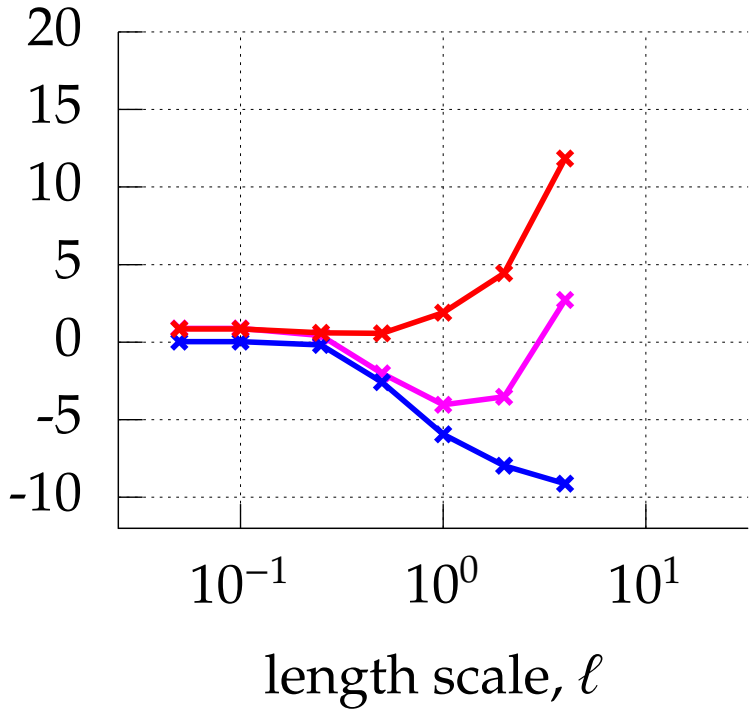

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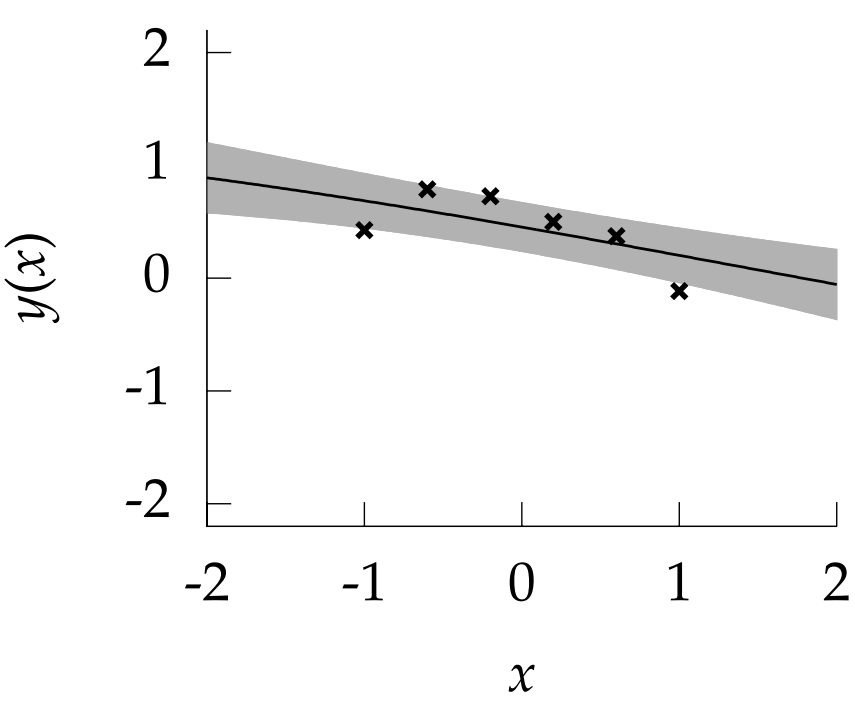

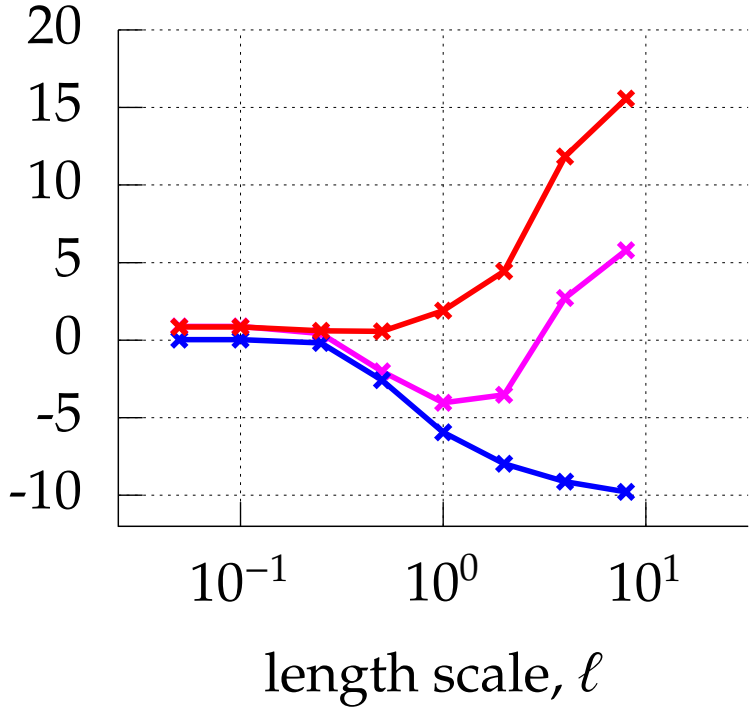

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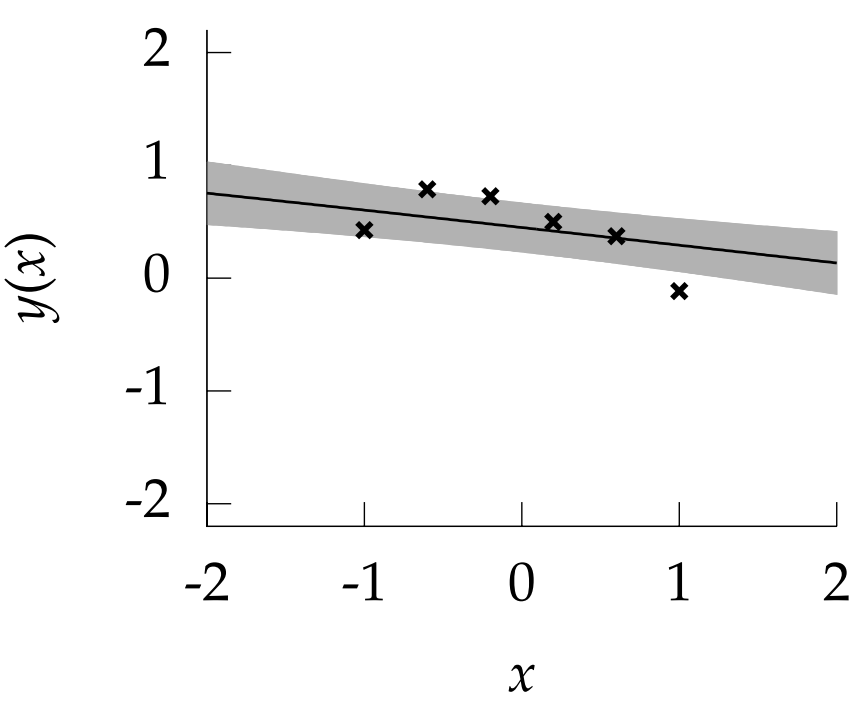

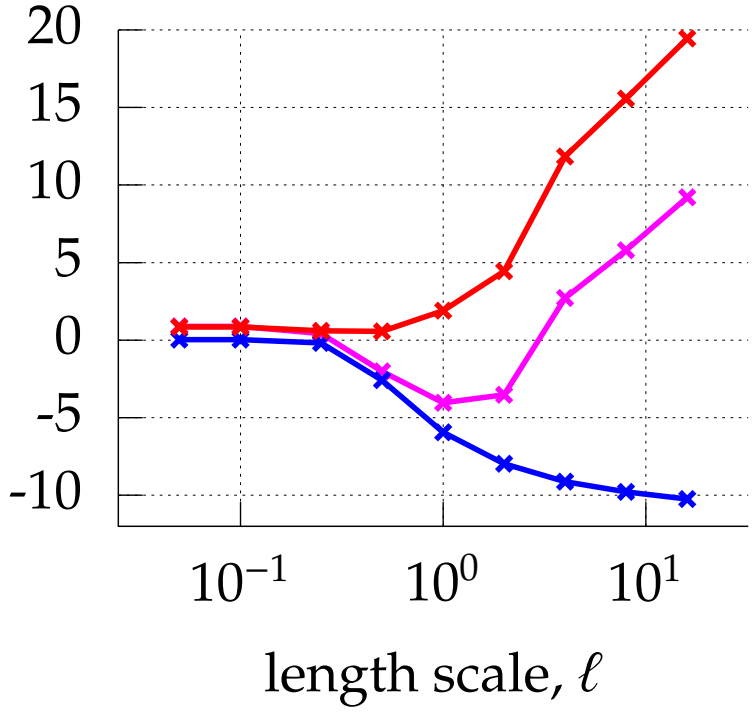

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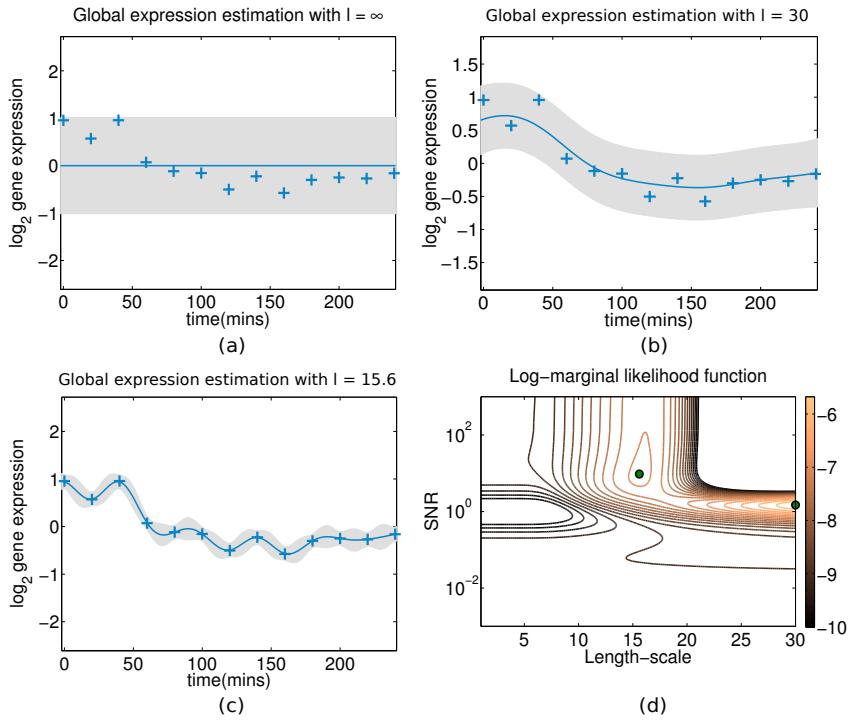
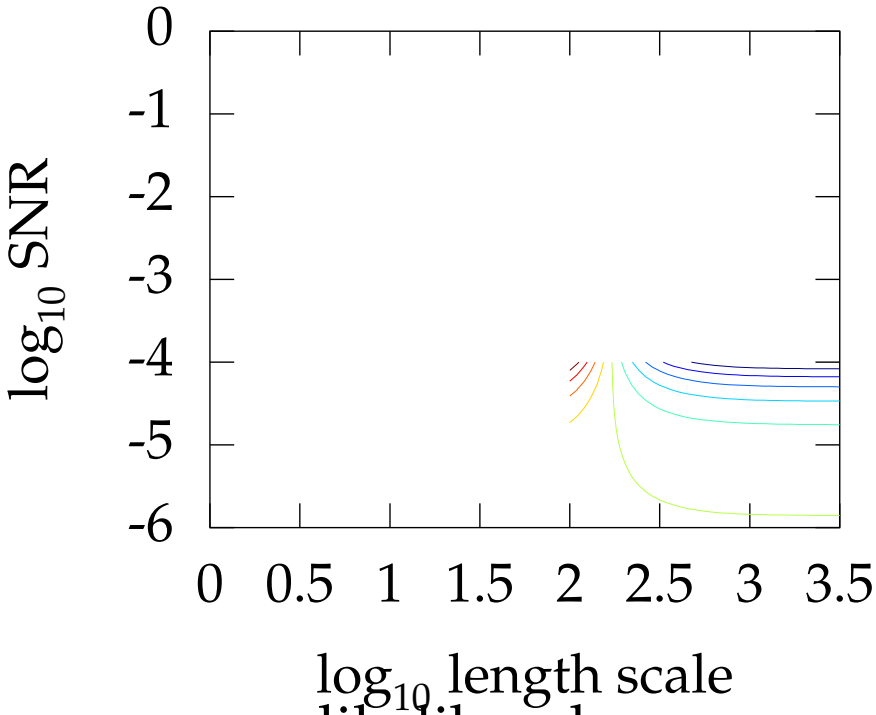
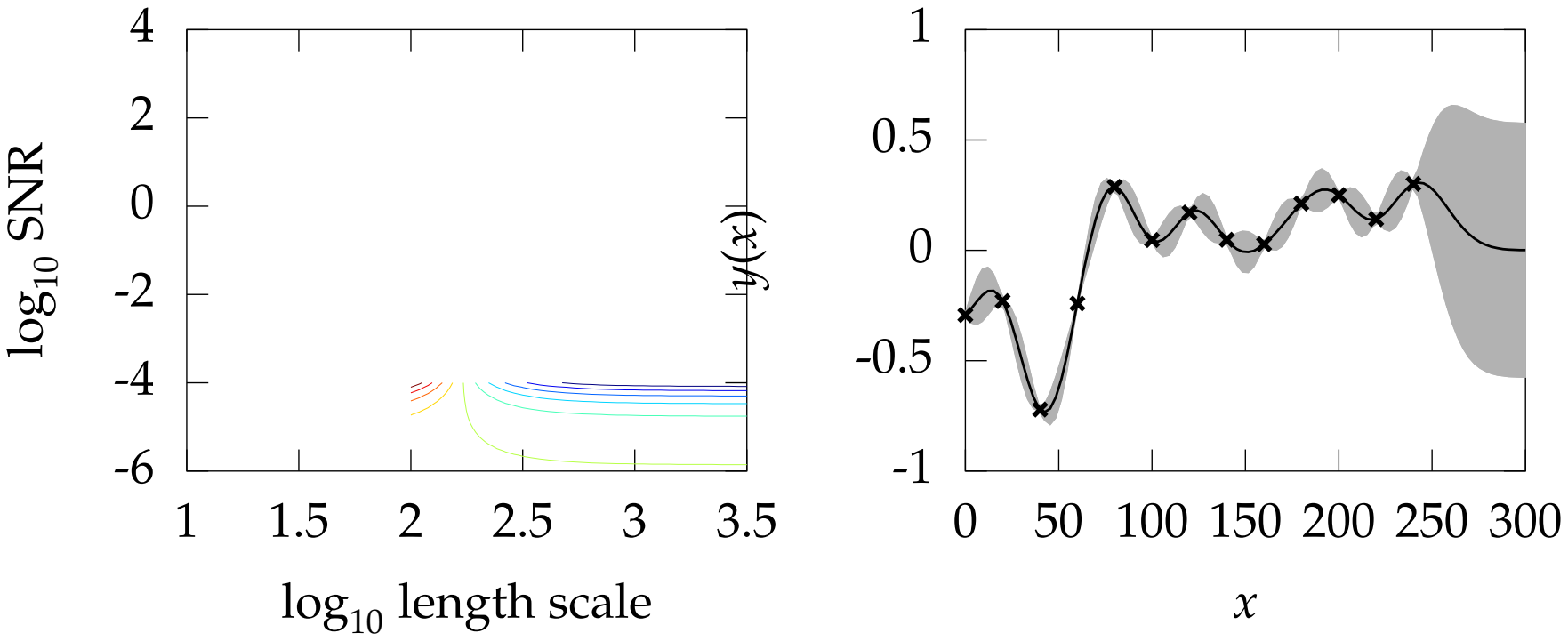
Gene Expression Example



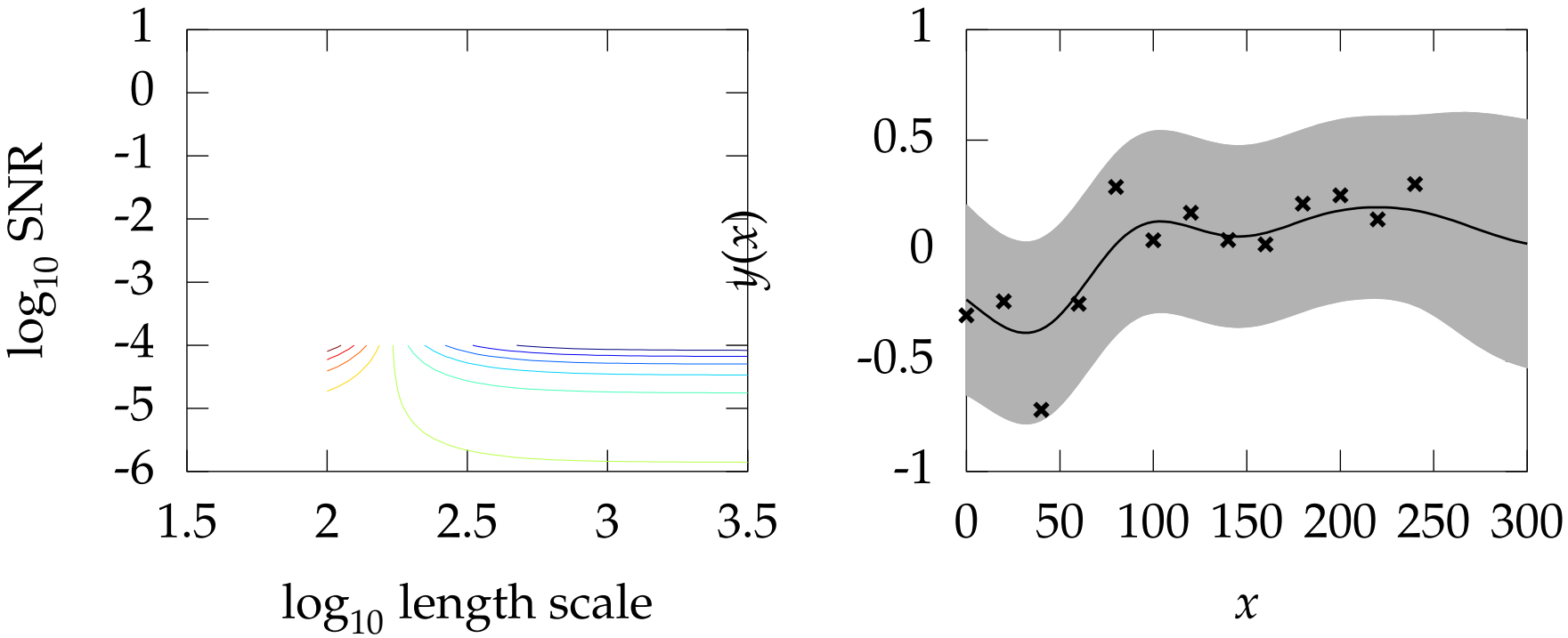
Data from Della Gatta et al. (2008). Application from Kalaitzis and Lawrence (2011).



Contour plot of Gaussian process likelihood.



Optima: length scale of 1.2221 and $\log_{10}$ SNR of 1.9654 log likelihood is -0.22317.



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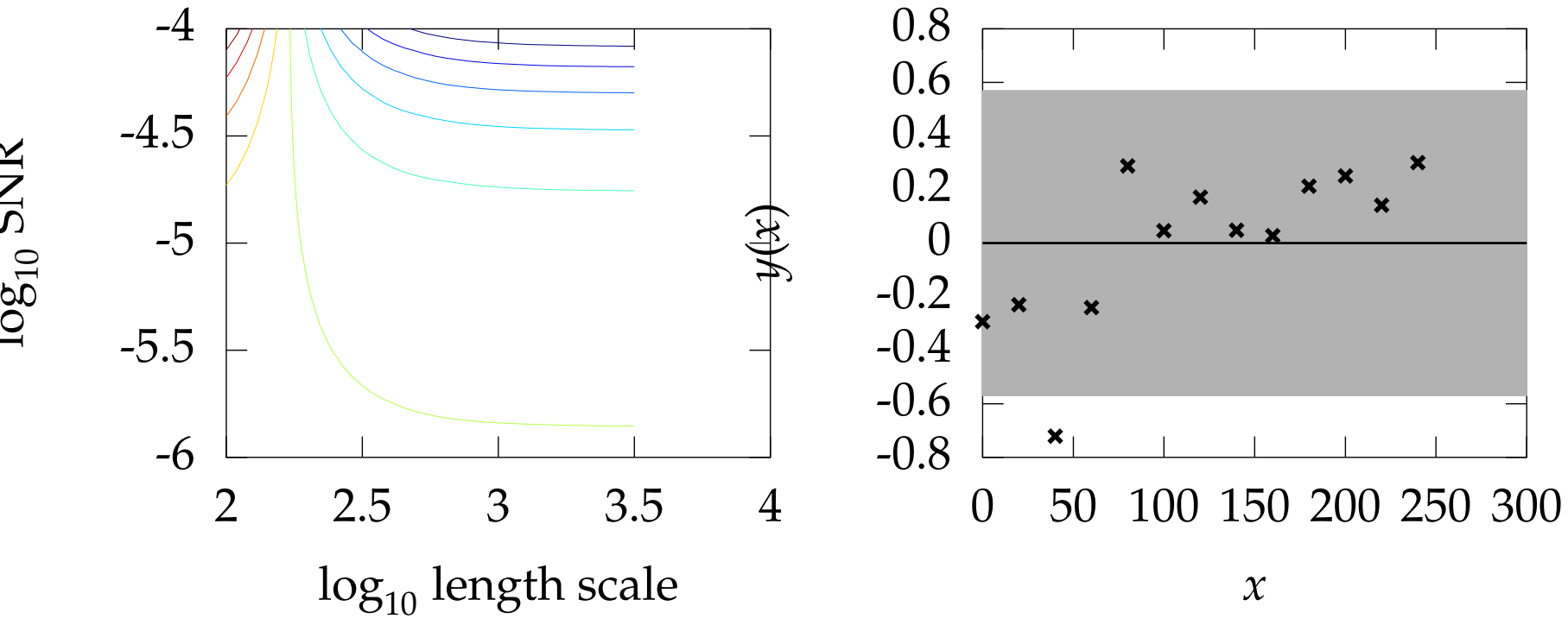


Optima: length scale of 2.9886 and $\log_{10}$ SNR of -4.506 log likelihood is -2.1056.

Outline

Limitations of Gaussian Processes

- Inference is $O(n^3)$ due to matrix inverse (in practice use Cholesky).
- Gaussian processes don't deal well with discontinuities (financial crises, phosphorylation, collisions, edges in images).
- Widely used exponentiated quadratic covariance (RBF) can be too smooth in practice (but there are many alternatives!!).

Outline

Simple Markov Chain

- Assume 1-d latent state, a vector over time, $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \dots x_T]$.
- Markov property,

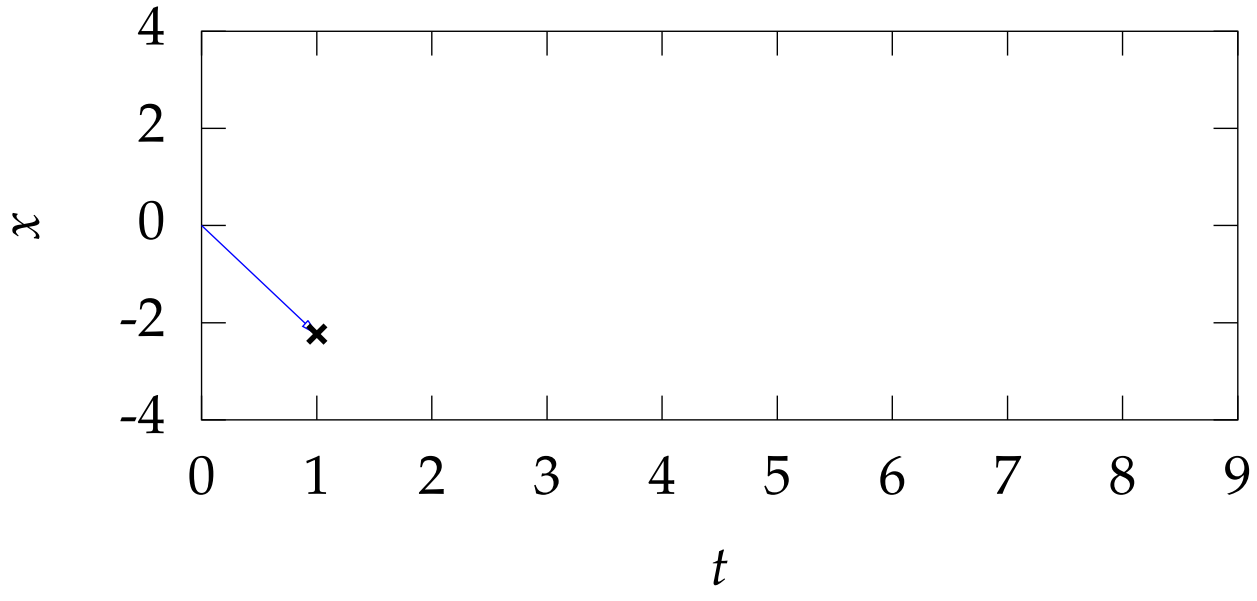
$$\begin{aligned} x_i =& x_{i-1} + \epsilon_i, \\ \epsilon_i \sim& \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha) \\ \implies x_i \sim& \mathcal{N}(x_{i-1}, \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

- Initial state,

$$x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha_0)$$

- If $x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha)$ we have a Markov chain for the latent states.
- Markov chain it is specified by an initial distribution (Gaussian) and a transition distribution (Gaussian).

Gauss Markov Chain



$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$x_0 = 0.000, \quad \epsilon_1 = -2.24$$

$$x_1 = 0.000 - 2.24 = -2.24$$

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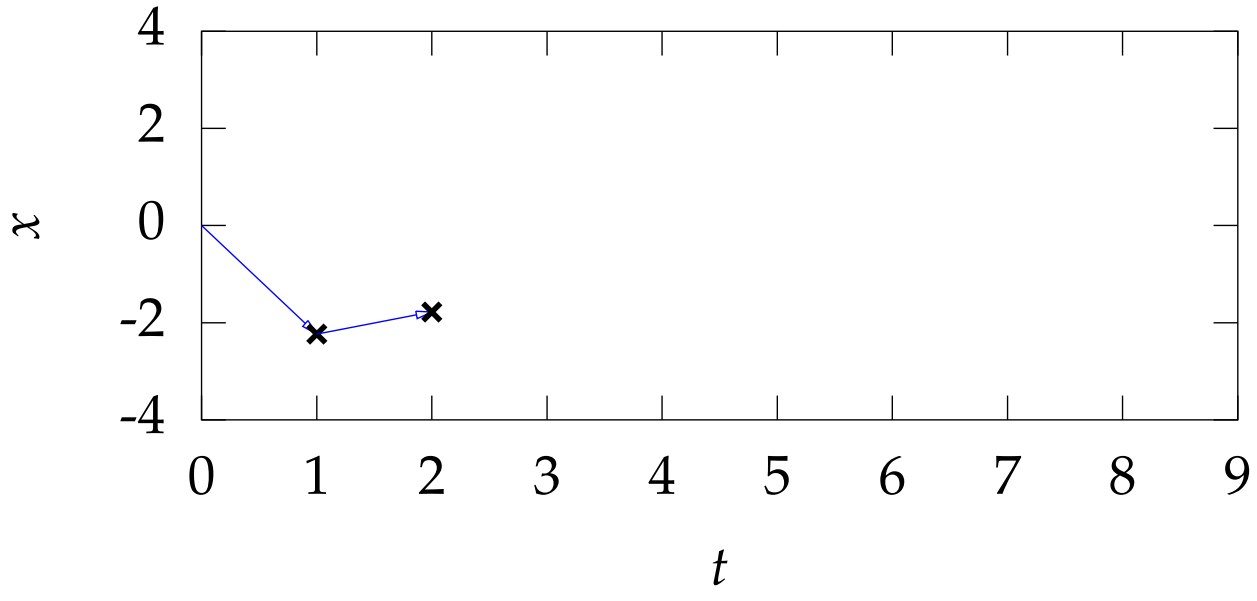

$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$x_1 = -2.24, \quad \epsilon_2 = 0.457$$

$$x_2 = -2.24 + 0.457 = -1.78$$

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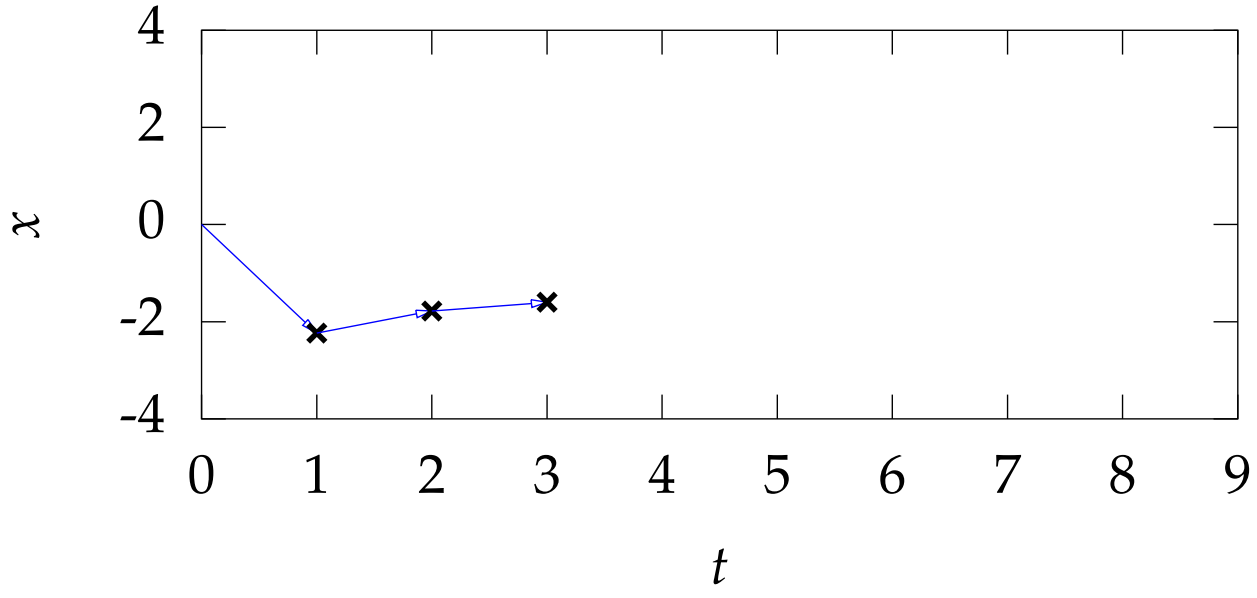

$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$x_2 = -1.78, \quad \epsilon_3 = 0.178$$

$$x_3 = -1.78 + 0.178 = -1.6$$

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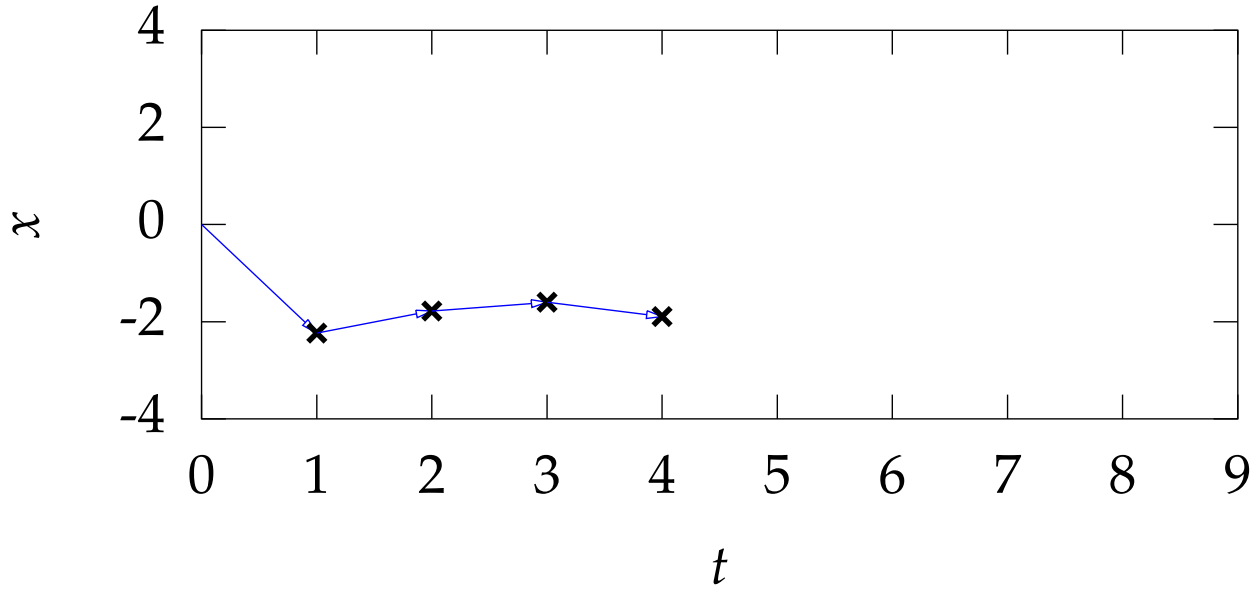

$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$x_3 = -1.6, \quad \epsilon_4 = -0.292$$

$$x_4 = -1.6 - 0.292 = -1.89$$

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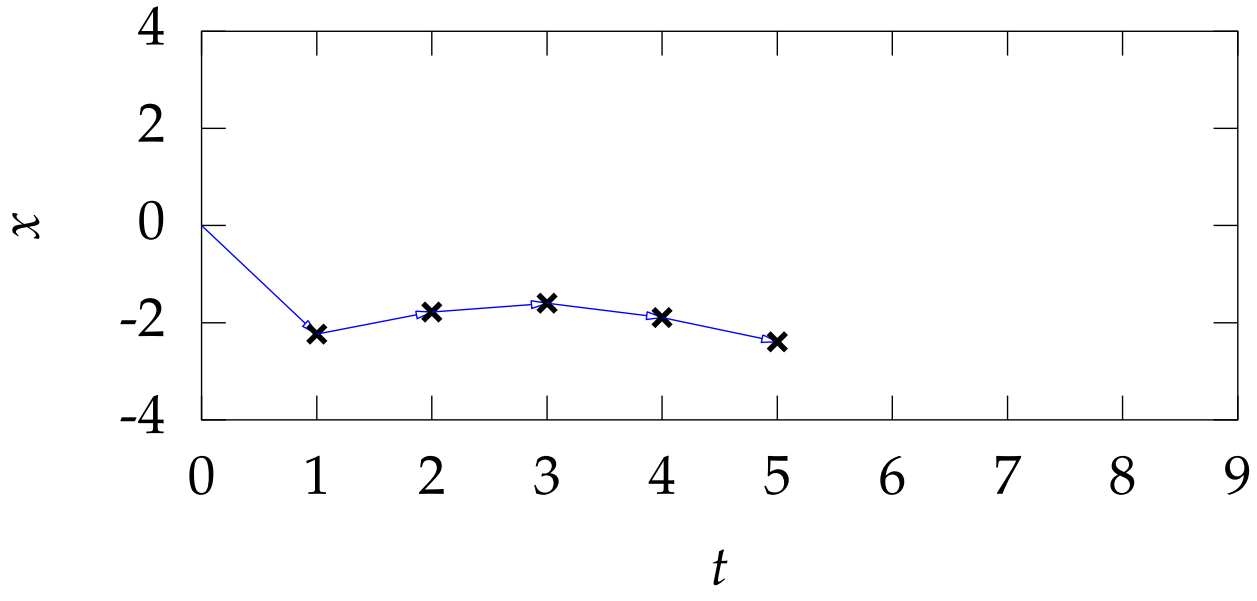

$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$x_4 = -1.89, \quad \epsilon_5 = -0.501$$

$$x_5 = -1.89 - 0.501 = -2.39$$

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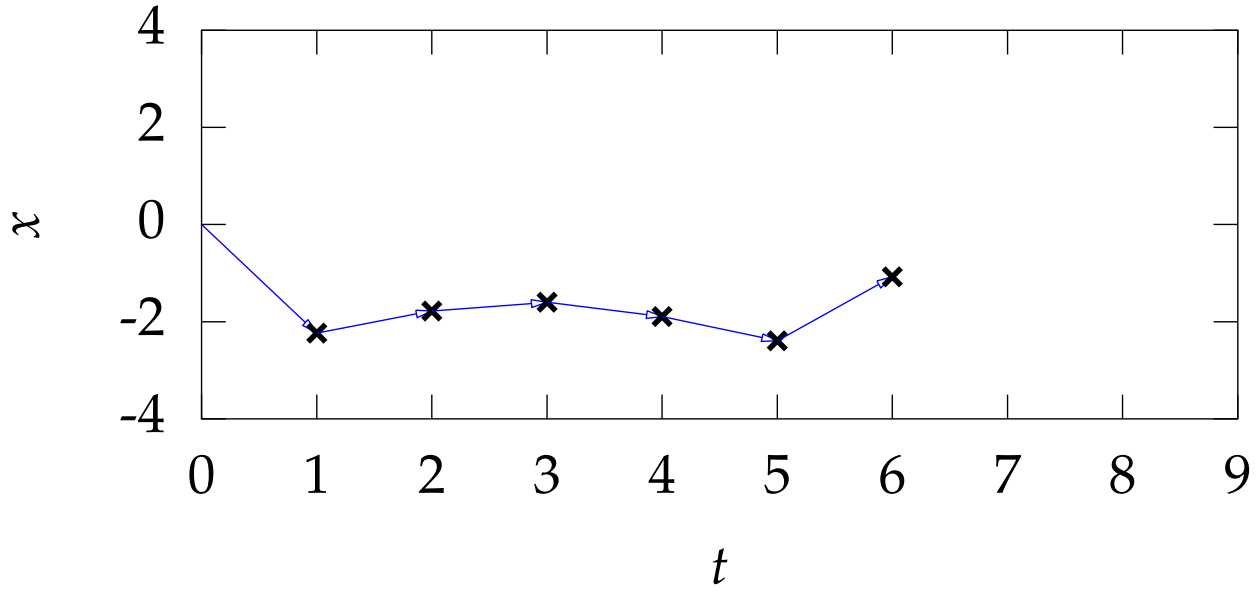

$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$x_5 = -2.39, \quad \epsilon_6 = 1.32$$

$$x_6 = -2.39 + 1.32 = -1.08$$

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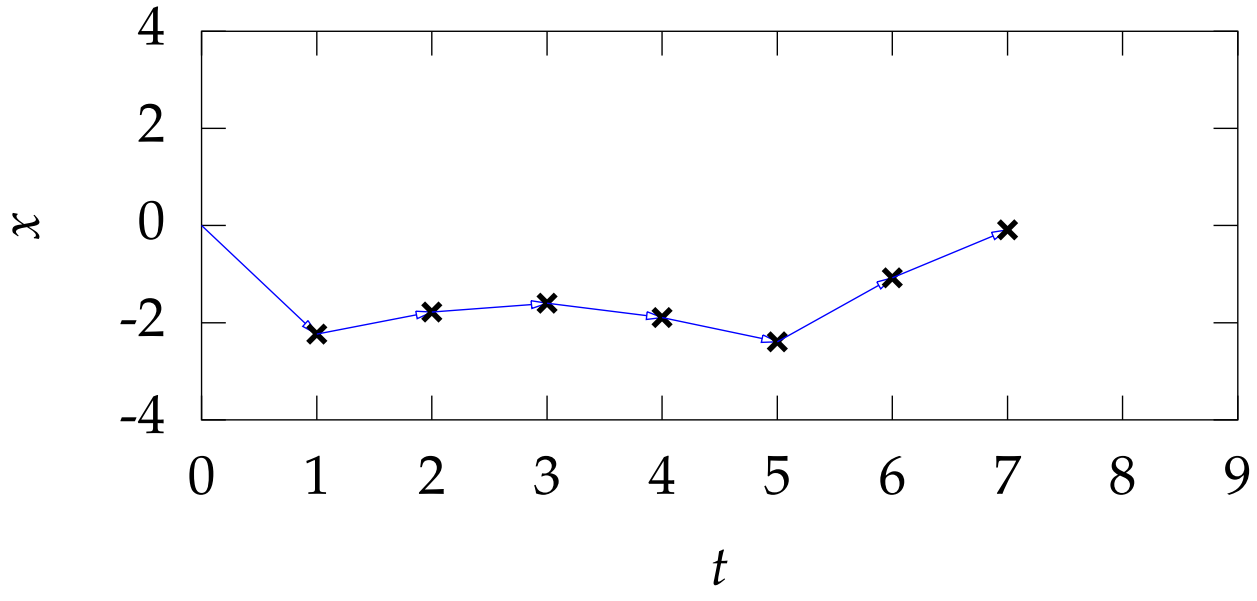

$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$x_6 = -1.08, \quad \epsilon_7 = 0.989$$

$$x_7 = -1.08 + 0.989 = -0.0881$$

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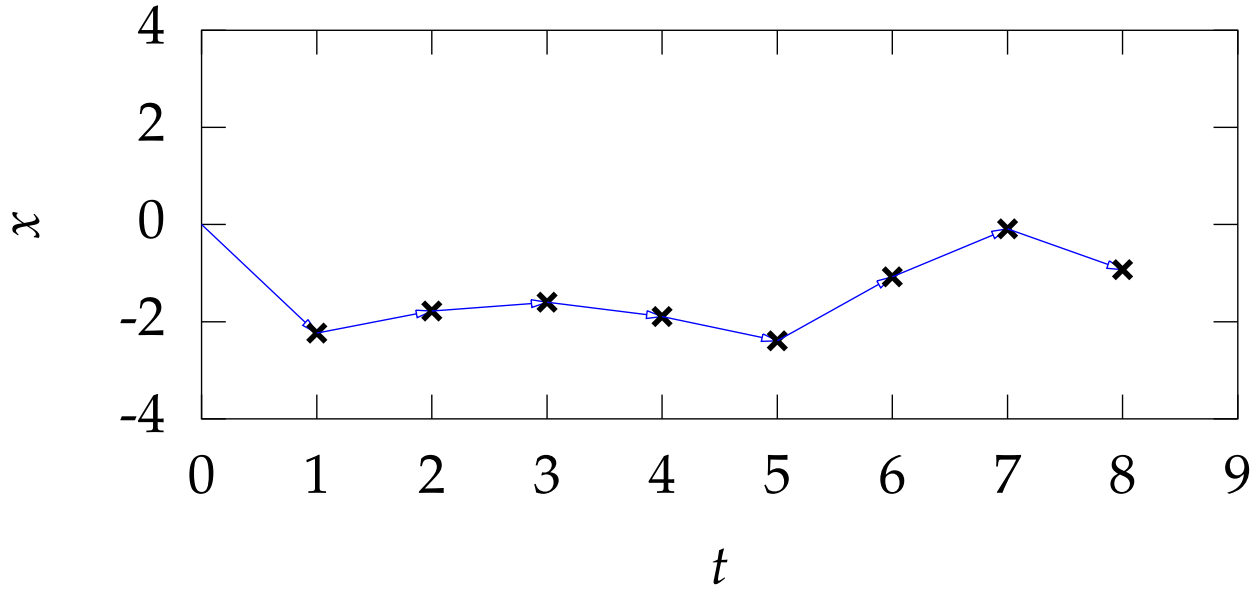

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$$x_7 = -0.0881, \quad \epsilon_8 = -0.842$$

$$x_8 = -0.0881 - 0.842 = -0.93$$

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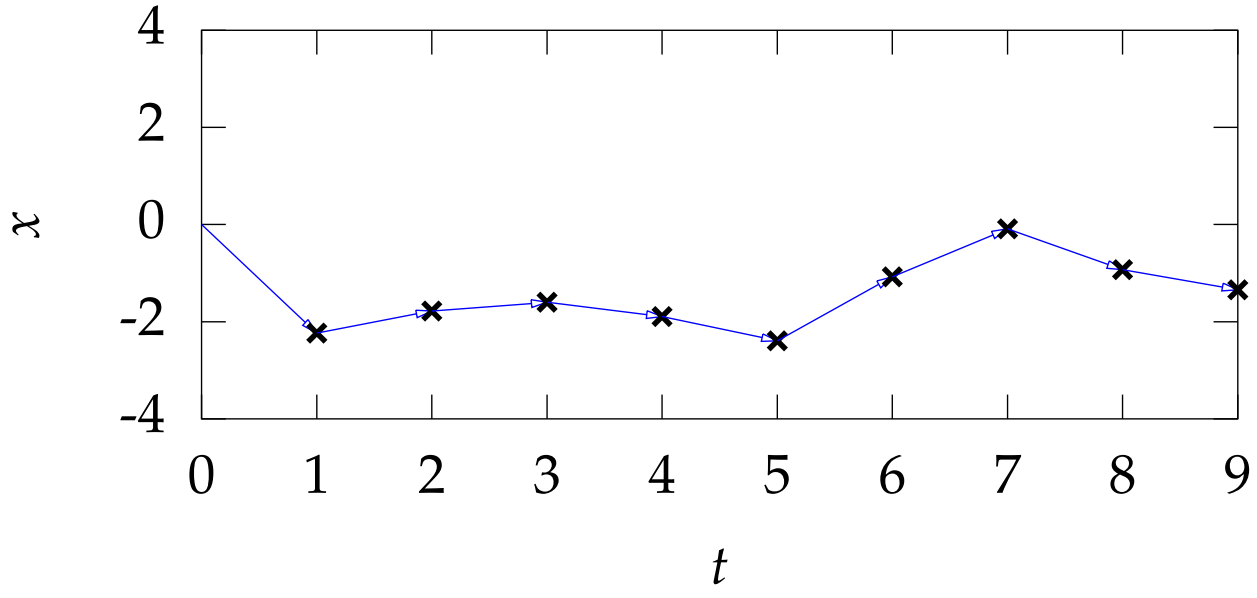

$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

$$x_8 = -0.93, \quad \epsilon_9 = -0.41$$

$$x_9 = -0.93 - 0.410 = -1.34$$

Multivariate Gaussian Properties: Reminder

If

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \mathbf{C}\right)$$

and

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{b}$$

then

$$\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{W}\mu + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{W}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}^\top\right)$$

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$$x_1 = \epsilon_1$$

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Matrix Representation of Latent Variables

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{L}_1 \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

Multivariate Process

- Since $\mathbf{x}$ is linearly related to $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ we know $\mathbf{x}$ is a Gaussian process.
- Trick: we only need to compute the mean and covariance of $\mathbf{x}$ to determine that Gaussian.

Latent Process Mean

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{L}_1 \epsilon$$

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Latent Process Covariance

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top = \mathbf{L}_1 \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\top \mathbf{L}_1^\top$$

$$\mathbf{x}^\top = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\top \mathbf{L}^\top$$

Latent Process Covariance

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- Assume variance grows *linearly* with time.
- Justification: sum of two Gaussian distributed random variables is distributed as Gaussian with sum of variances.
- If variable's movement is additive over time (as described) variance scales linearly with time.

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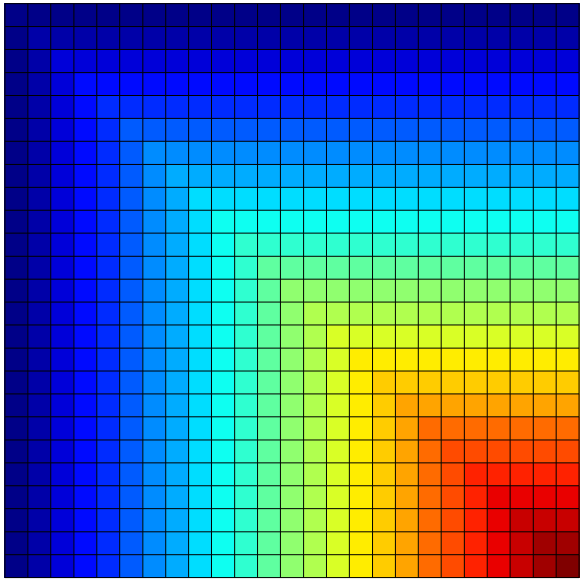

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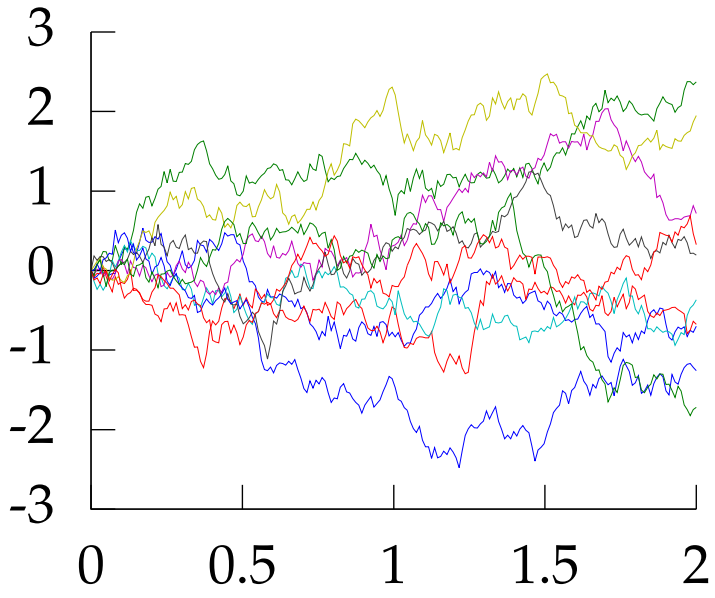

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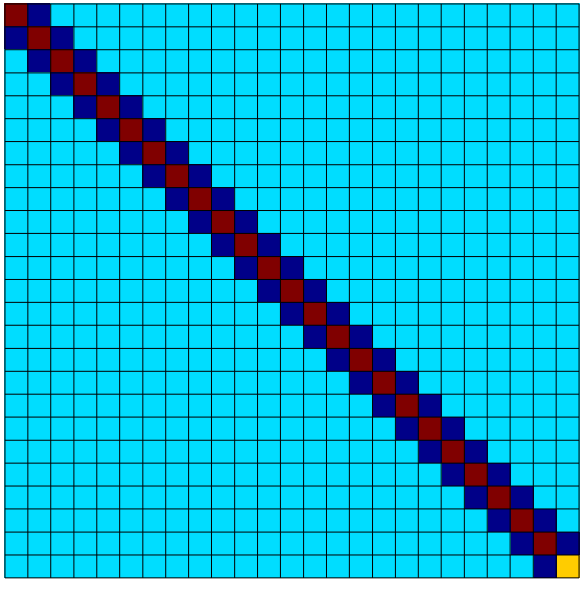

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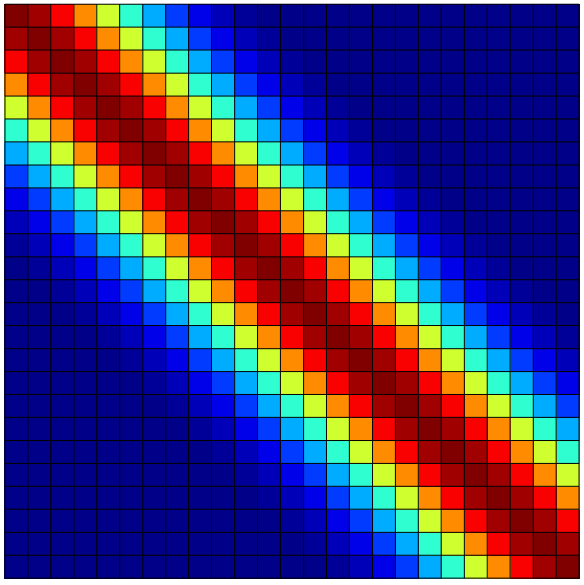

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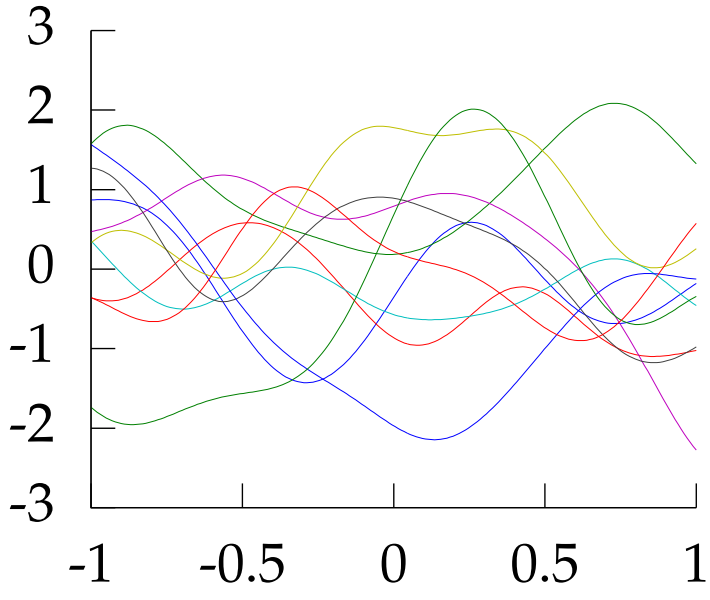

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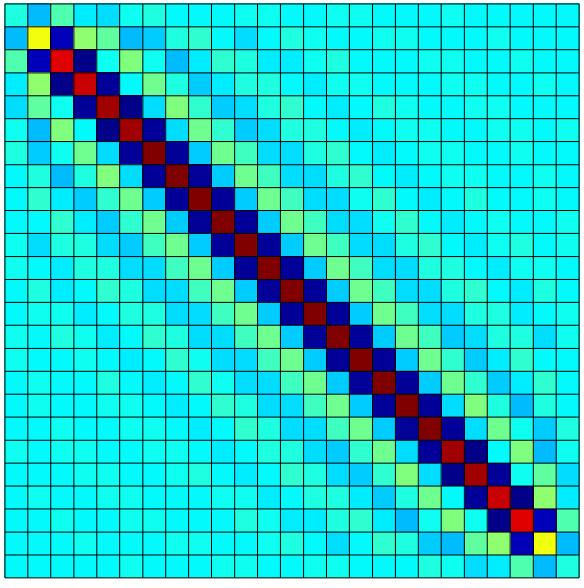

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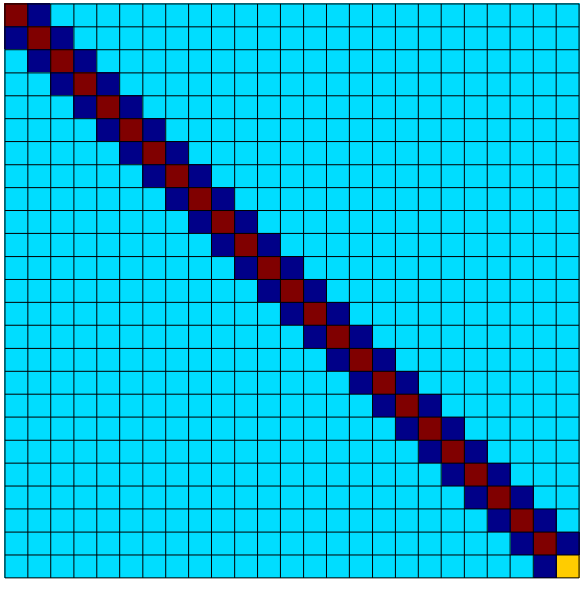

Simple Kalman Filter I

- We have state vector $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \dots \mathbf{x}_q \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times q}$ and if each state evolves independently we have

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$$p(\mathbf{x}_{:,i}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{x}_{:,i} | \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K}\right).$$

- We want to obtain outputs through:

$$\mathbf{y}_{i,:} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_{i,:}$$

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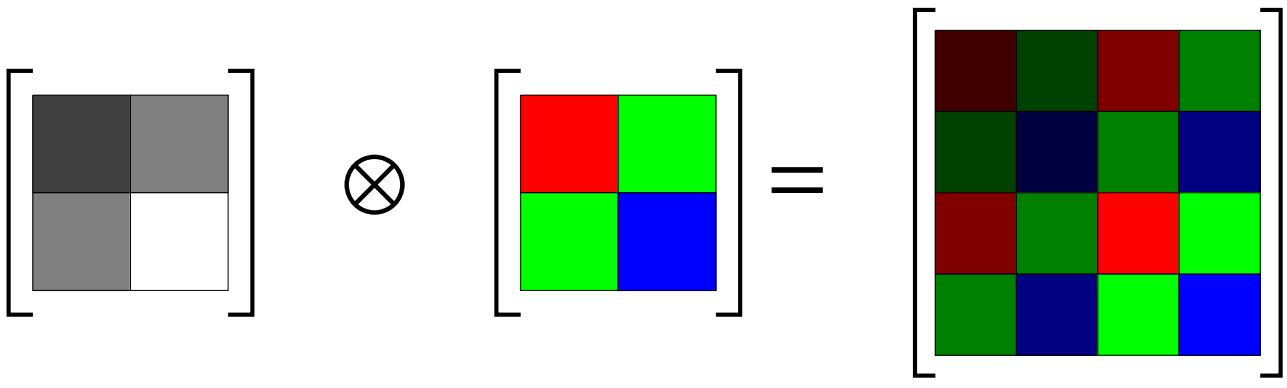

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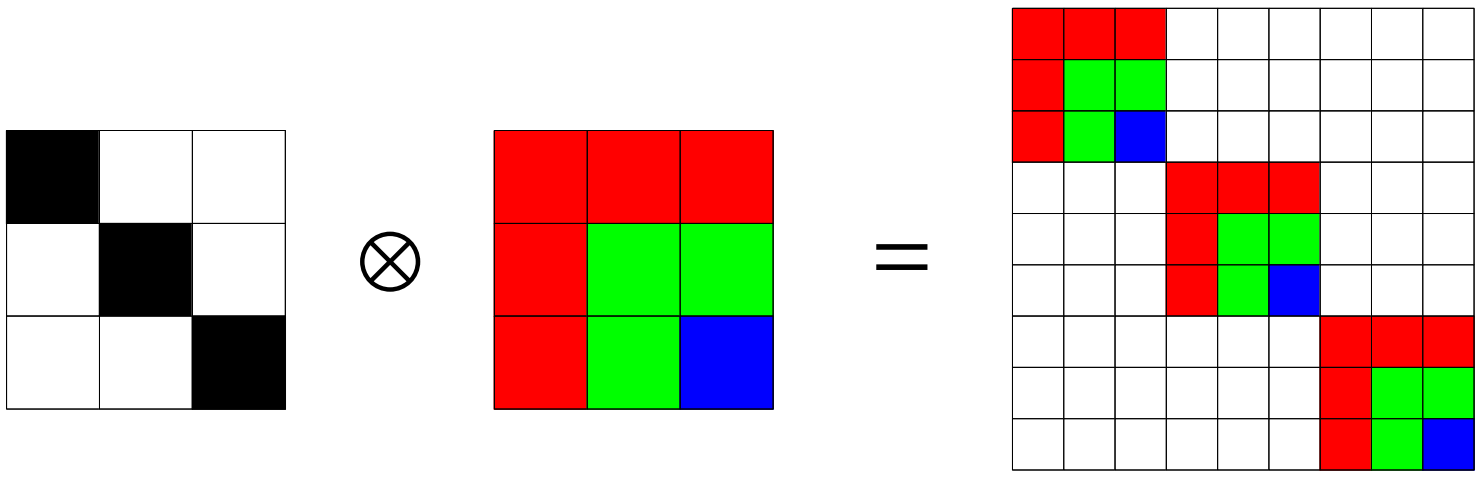

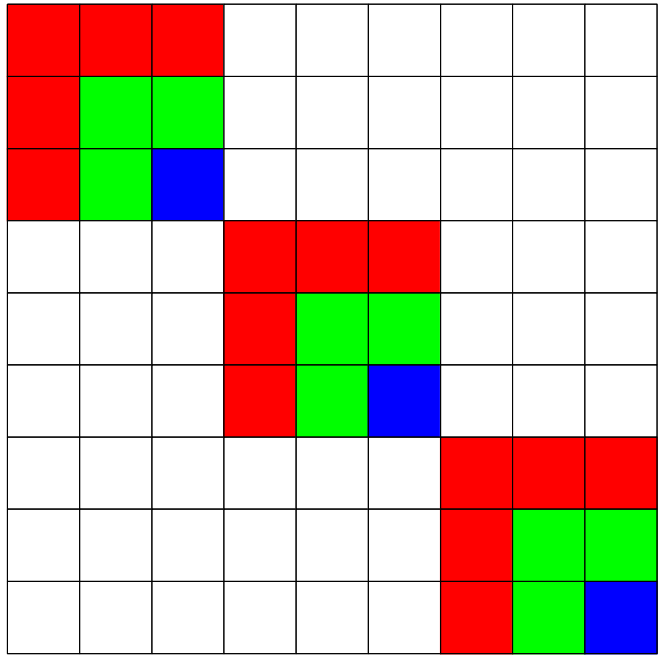

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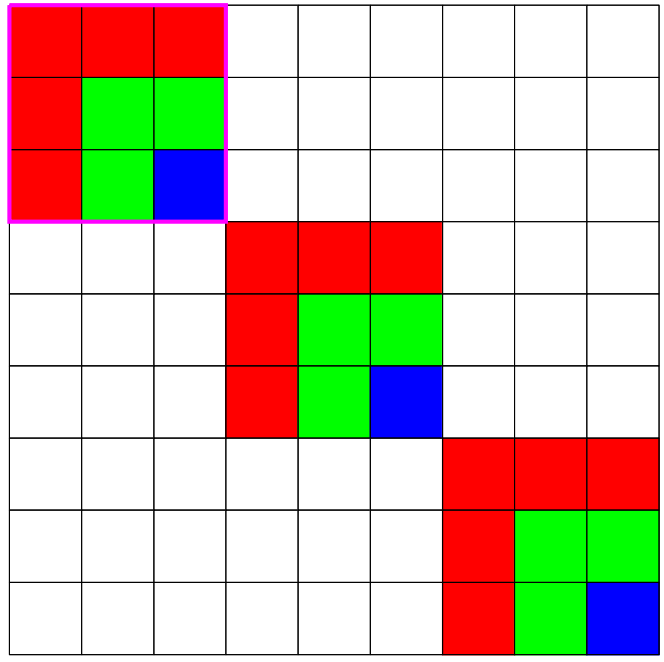

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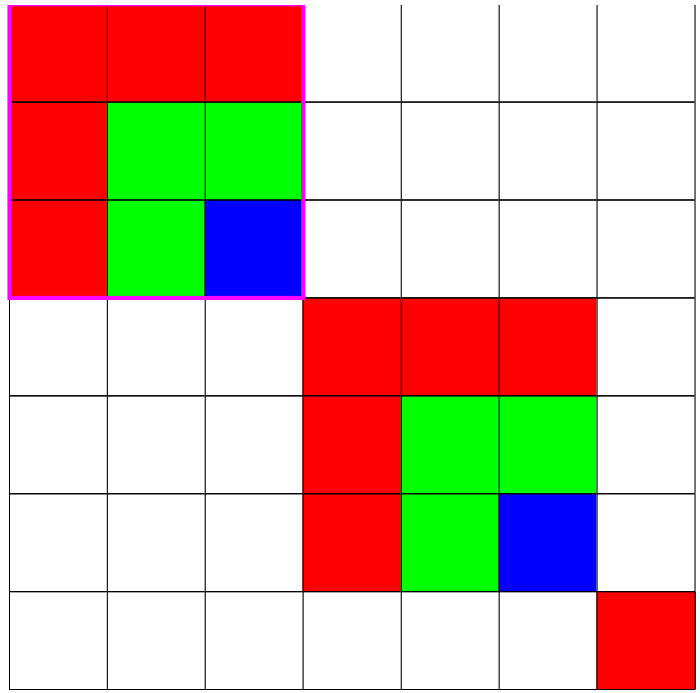

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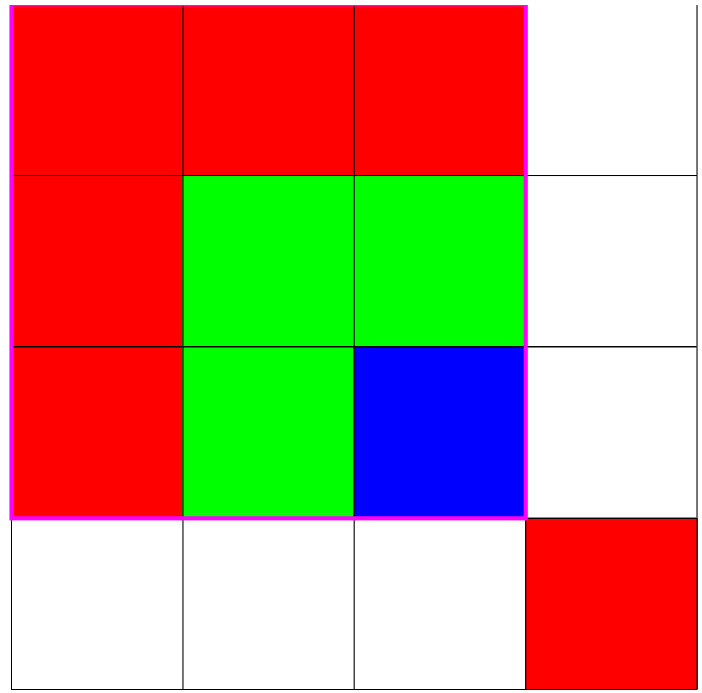

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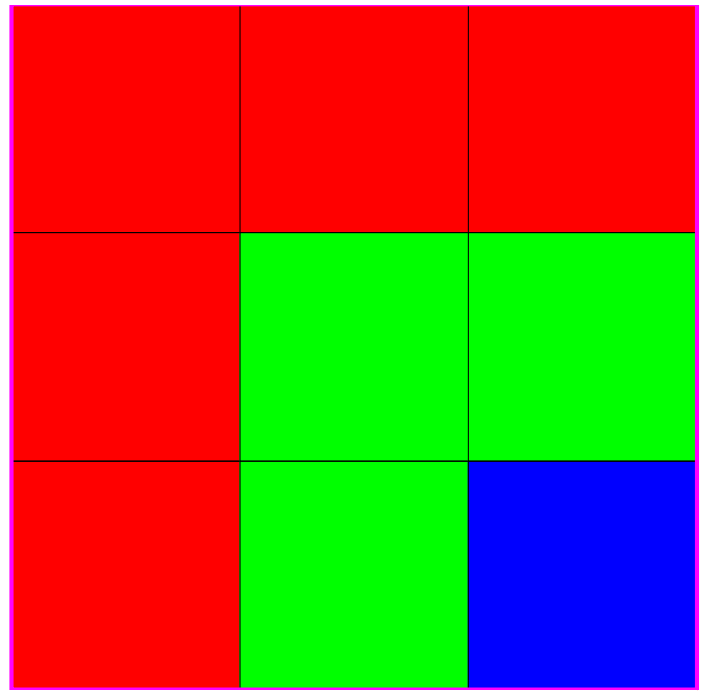

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Two Ways of Stacking

Can also stack each row of $\mathbf{X}$ to form column vector:

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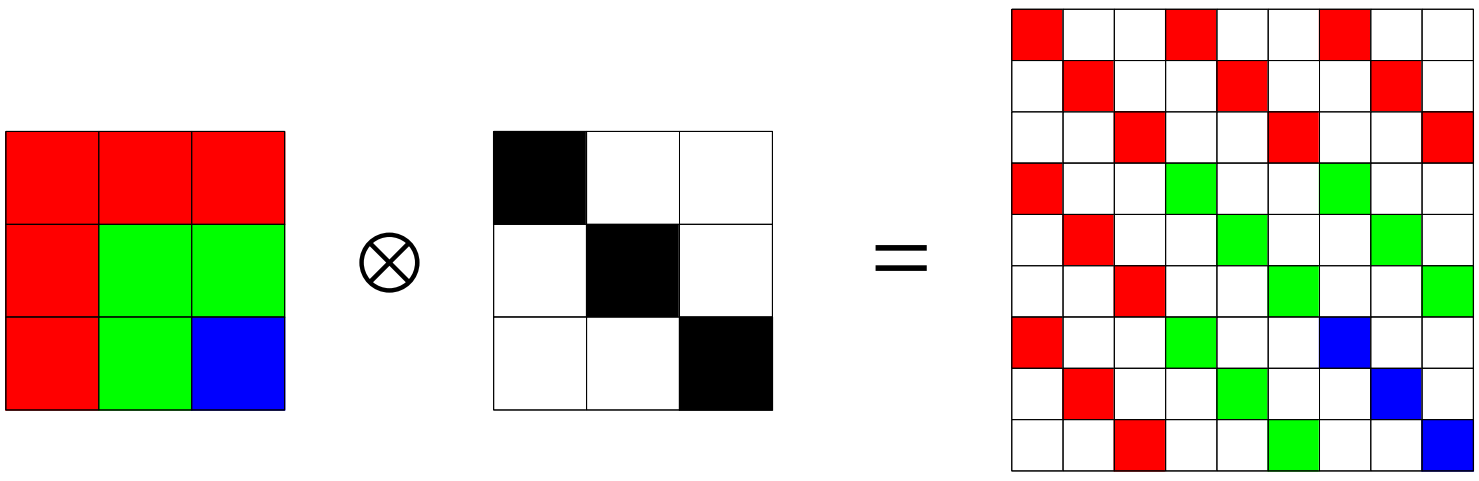

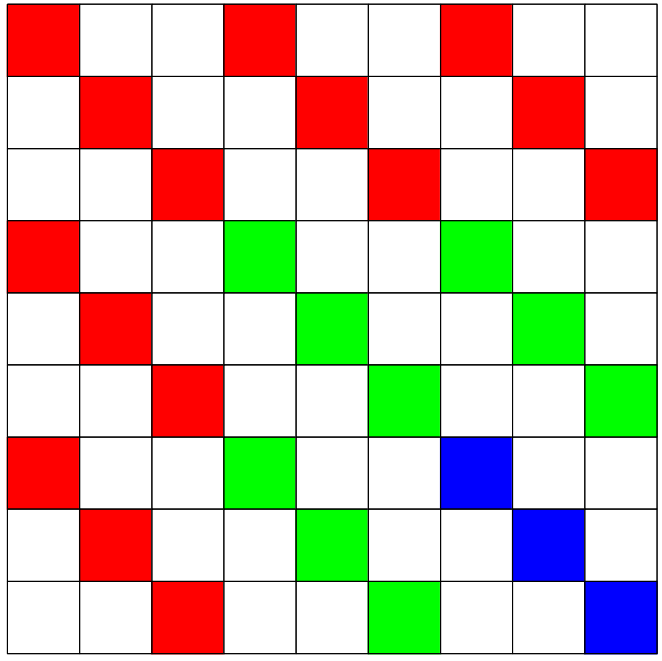

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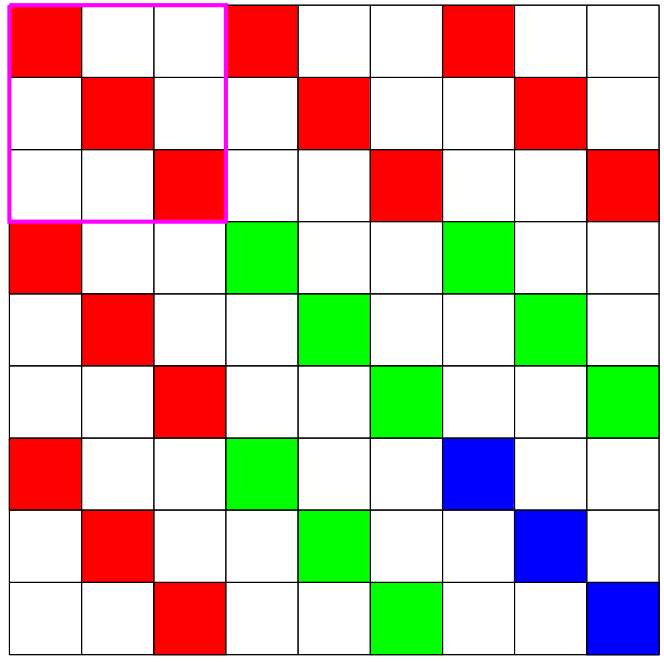

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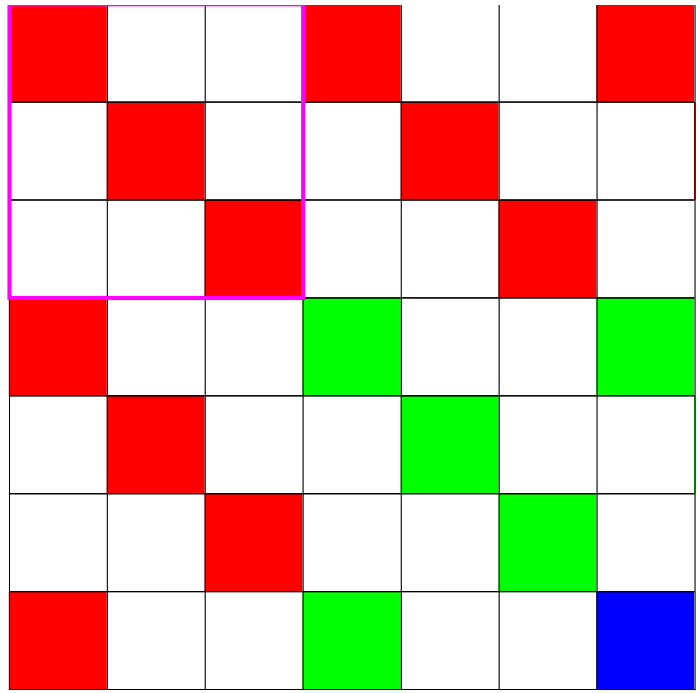

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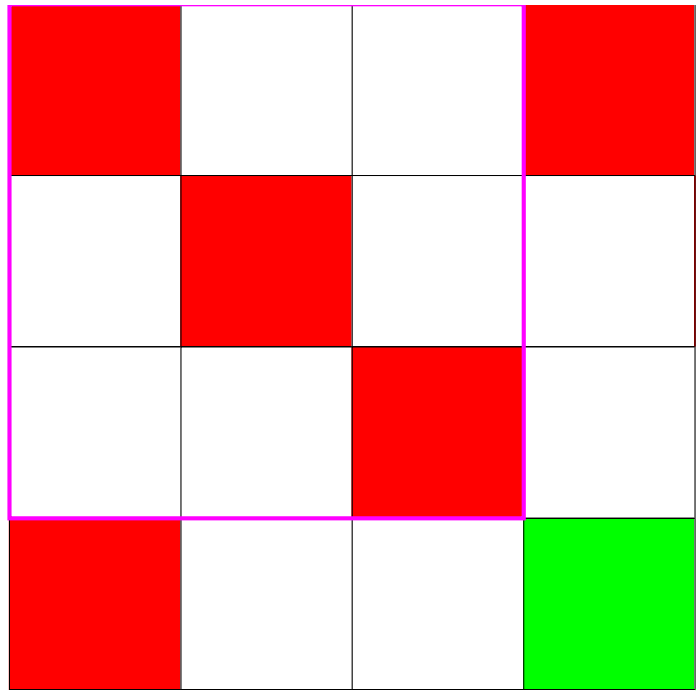

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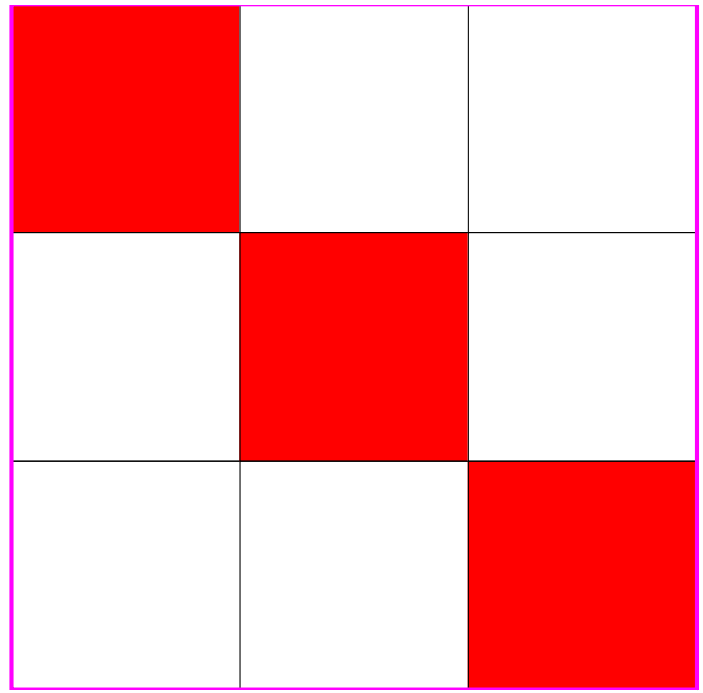

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$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sigma^2\mathbf{I}\right)$$

Mapping from Latent Process to Observed

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{W} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{W} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{1,:} \\ \mathbf{x}_{2,:} \\ \mathbf{x}_{3,:} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_{1,:} \\ \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_{2,:} \\ \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_{3,:} \end{bmatrix}$$

Output Covariance

This leads to a covariance of the form

$$(\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{W})(\mathbf{K} \otimes \mathbf{I})(\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{W}^\top) + \mathbf{I}\sigma^2$$

Using $(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{AC} \otimes \mathbf{BD}$ This leads to

$$\mathbf{K} \otimes \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top + \mathbf{I}\sigma^2$$

or

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top \otimes \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{I}\sigma^2\right)$$

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Kernels for Vector-Valued Functions: A Review

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Kronecker Structure GPs

- This Kronecker structure leads to several published models.

$$(\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))_{d,d'} = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')k_T(d, d'),$$

  where k has $\mathbf{x}$ and k_T has n as inputs.
- Can think of multiple output covariance functions as covariances with augmented input.
- Alongside $\mathbf{x}$ we also input the d associated with the *output* of interest.

Separable Covariance Functions

- Taking $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top$ we have a matrix expression across outputs.

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')\mathbf{B},$$

  where $\mathbf{B}$ is a $p \times p$ symmetric and positive semi-definite matrix.
- $\mathbf{B}$ is called the *coregionalization* matrix.
- We call this class of covariance functions *separable* due to their product structure.

Sum of Separable Covariance Functions

- In the same spirit a more general class of kernels is given by

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sum_{j=1}^{q} k_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')\mathbf{B}_j.$$

- This can also be written as

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) = \sum_{j=1}^{q} \mathbf{B}_j \otimes k_j(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}),$$

- This is like several Kalman filter-type models added together, but each one with a different set of latent functions.
- We call this class of kernels sum of separable kernels (SoS kernels).

Geostatistics

- Use of GPs in Geostatistics is called kriging.
- These multi-output GPs pioneered in geostatistics: prediction over vector-valued output data is known as *cokriging*.
- The model in geostatistics is known as the *linear model of coregionalization* (LMC, Journel and Huijbregts (1978); Goovaerts (1997)).
- Most machine learning multitask models can be placed in the context of the LMC model.

Weighted sum of Latent Functions

- In the linear model of coregionalization (LMC) outputs are expressed as linear combinations of independent random functions.
- In the LMC, each component f_d is expressed as a linear sum

$$f_d(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{q} w_{d,j} u_j(\mathbf{x}).$$

  where the latent functions are independent and have covariance functions $k_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$.
- The processes $\{f_j(\mathbf{x})\}_{j=1}^{q}$ are independent for $q \neq j'$.

Kalman Filter Special Case

- The Kalman filter is an example of the LMC where $u_i(\mathbf{x}) \to x_i(t)$.
- I.e. we've moved form time input to a more general input space.
- In matrix notation:
  1. Kalman filter
  $$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{WX}$$
  2. LMC
  $$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{WU}$$

  where the rows of these matrices $\mathbf{F}$, $\mathbf{X}$, $\mathbf{U}$ each contain q samples from their corresponding functions at a different time (Kalman filter) or spatial location (LMC).

Intrinsic Coregionalization Model

- If one covariance used for latent functions (like in Kalman filter).
- This is called the intrinsic coregionalization model (ICM, Goovaerts (1997)).
- The kernel matrix corresponding to a dataset $\mathbf{X}$ takes the form

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{B} \otimes k(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}).$$

Autokrigeability

- If outputs are noise-free, maximum likelihood is equivalent to independent fits of $\mathbf{B}$ and $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ (Helterbrand and Cressie, 1994).
- In geostatistics this is known as autokrigeability (Wackernagel, 2003).
- In multitask learning its the cancellation of intertask transfer (Bonilla et al., 2008).

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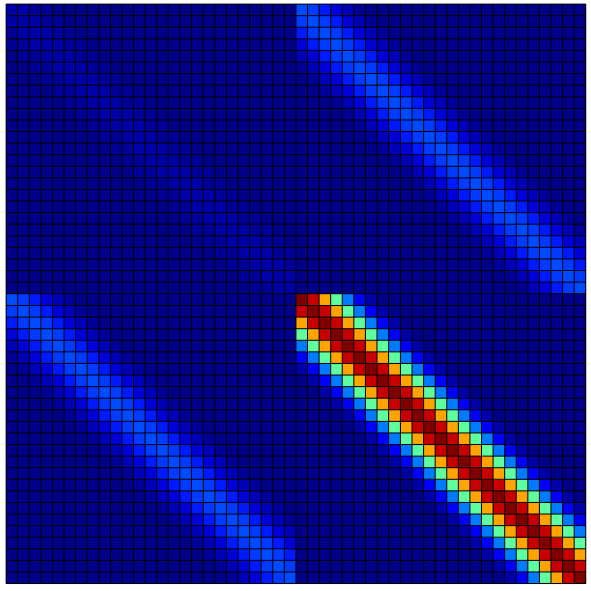

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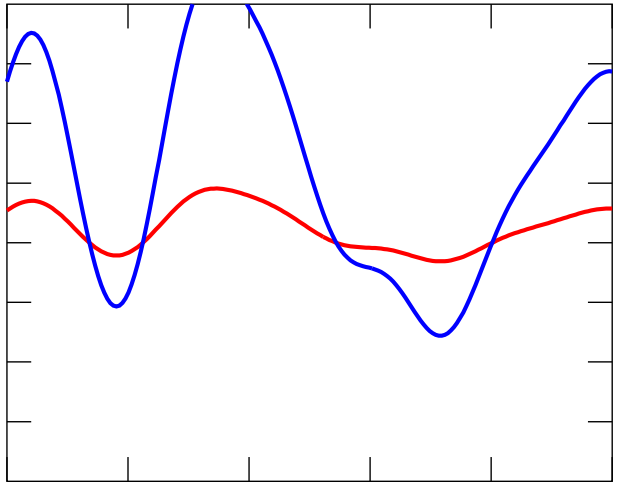

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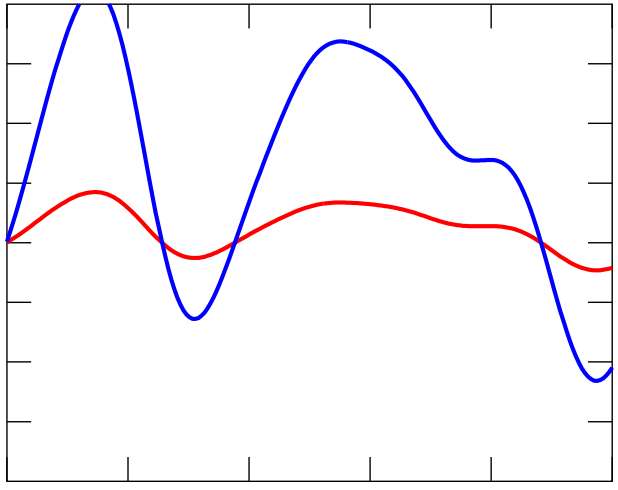

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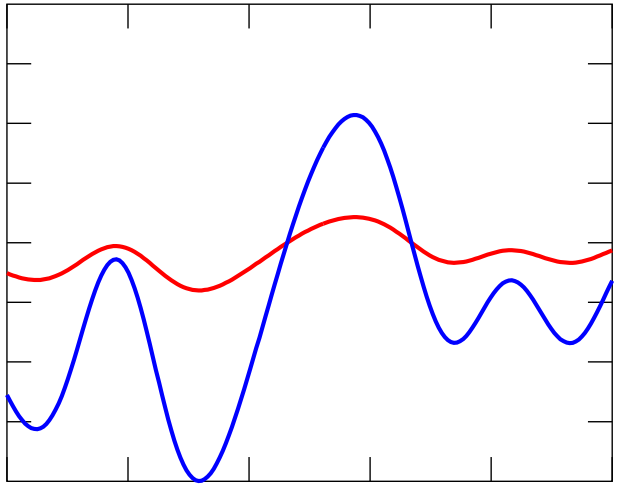

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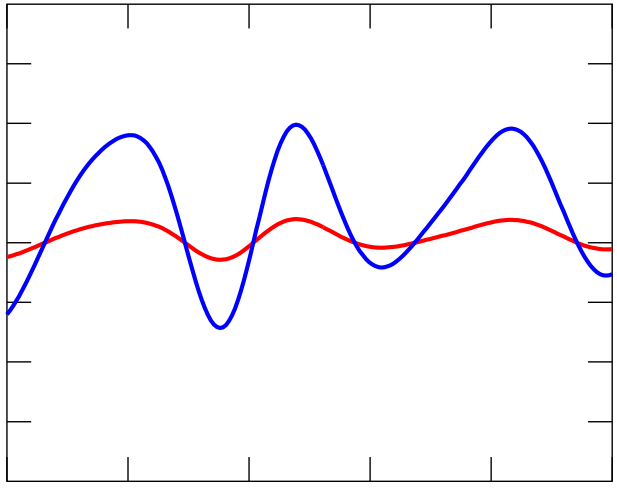

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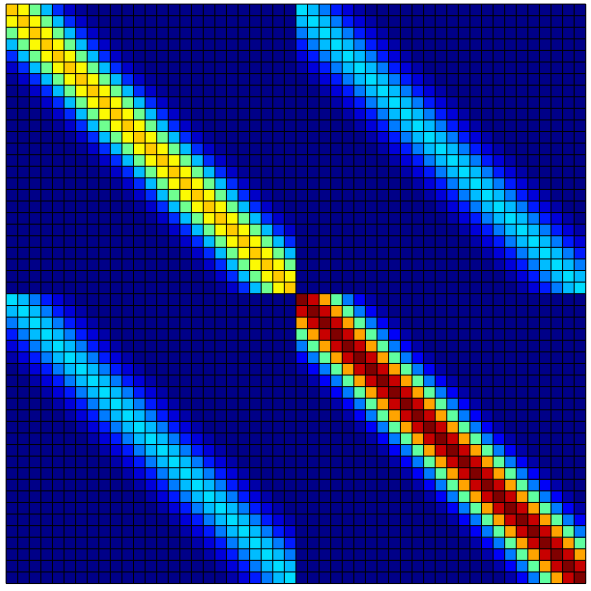

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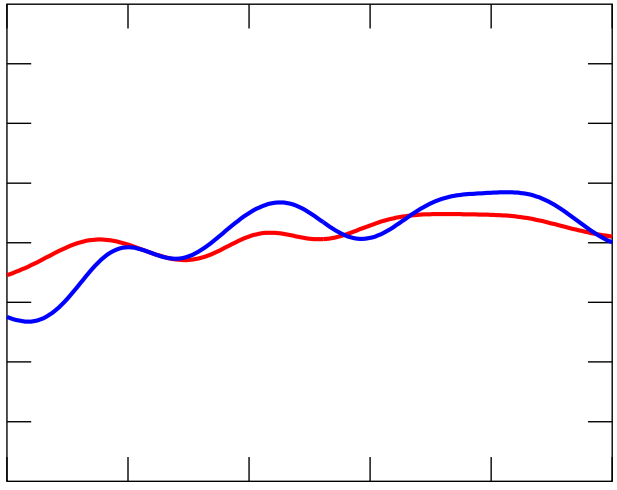

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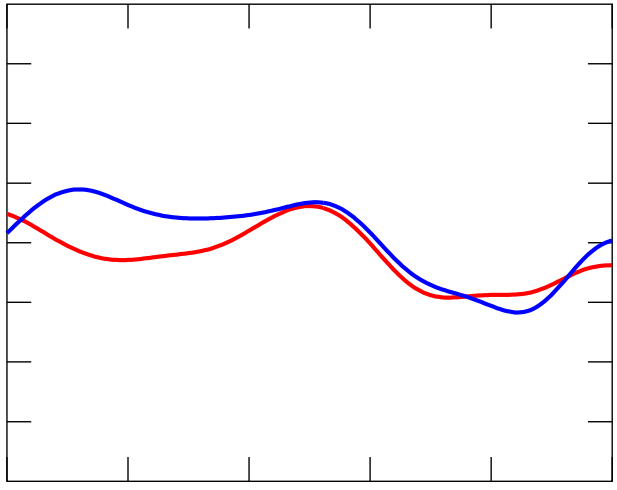

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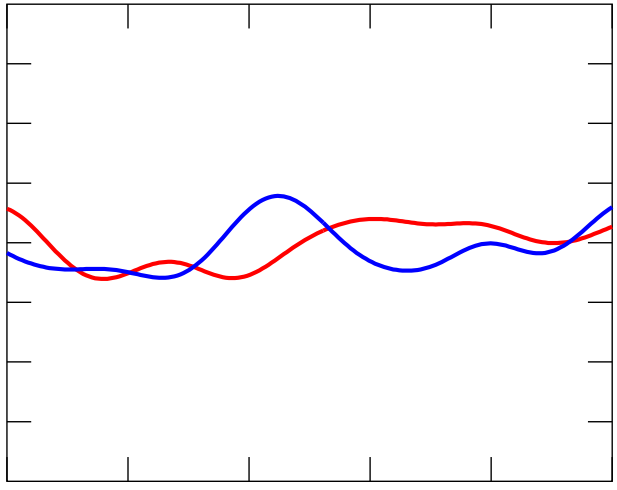

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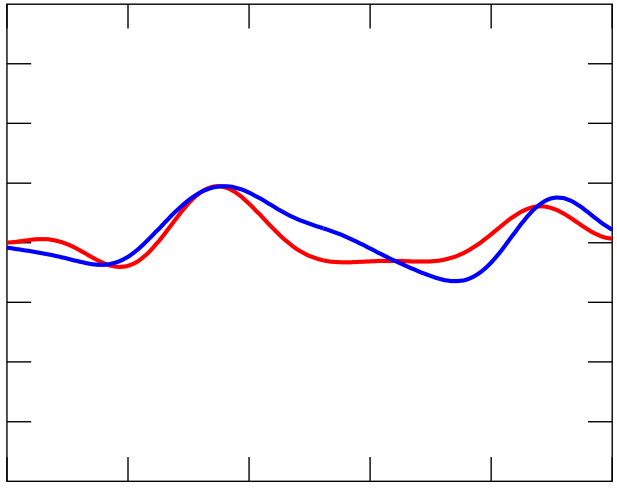

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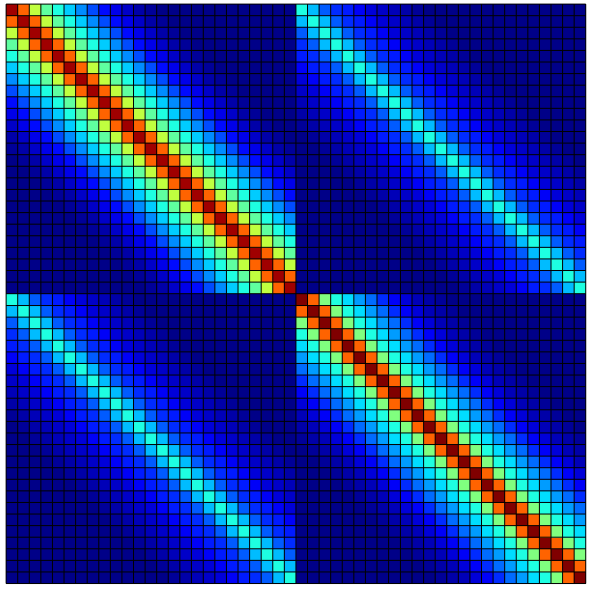

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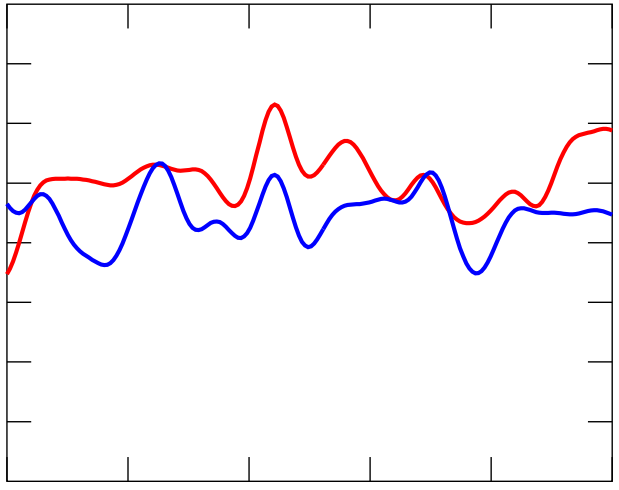

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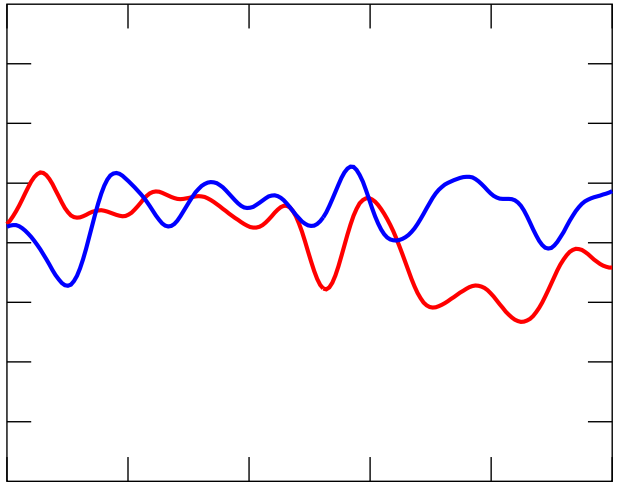

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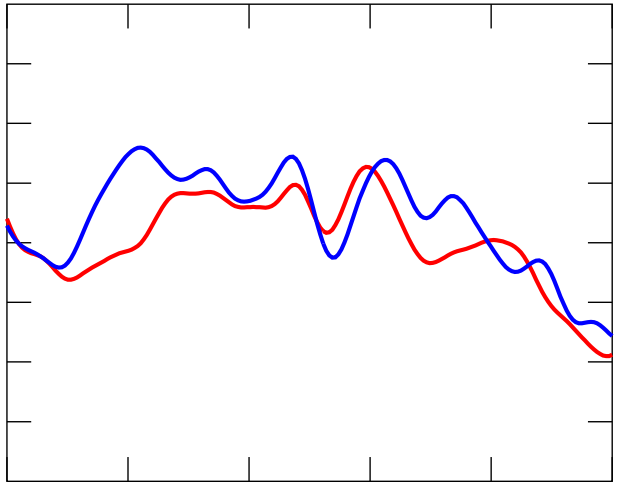

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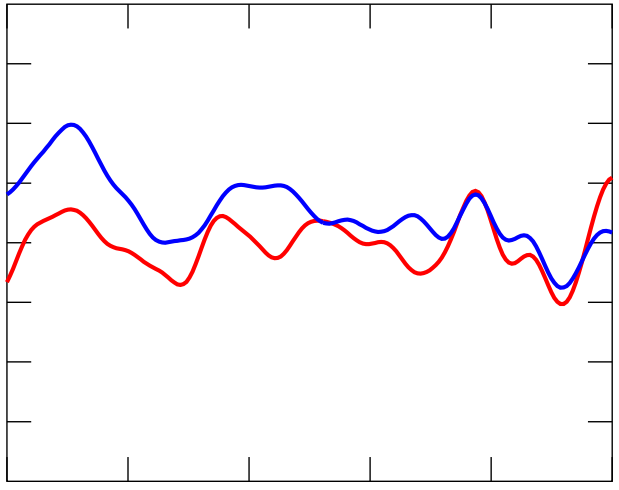

LMC in Machine Learning and Statistics

- Used in machine learning for GPs for multivariate regression and in statistics for computer emulation of expensive multivariate computer codes.
- Imposes the correlation of the outputs explicitly through the set of coregionalization matrices.
- Setting $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}_p$ assumes outputs are conditionally independent given the parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. (Minka and Picard, 1997; Lawrence and Platt, 2004; Yu et al., 2005).
- More recent approaches for multiple output modeling are different versions of the linear model of coregionalization.

Semiparametric Latent Factor Model

- Coregionalization matrices are rank 1 Teh et al. (2005). rewrite equation (**??**) as

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) = \sum_{j=1}^{q} \mathbf{w}_{:,j}\mathbf{w}_{:,j}^{\top} \otimes k_j(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}).$$

- Like the Kalman filter, but each latent function has a *different* covariance.
- Authors suggest using an exponentiated quadratic characteristic length-scale for each input dimension.

Semiparametric Latent Factor Model Samples

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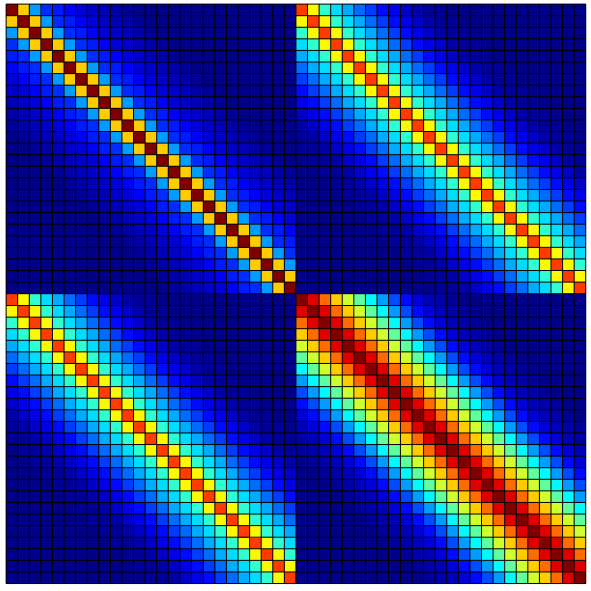

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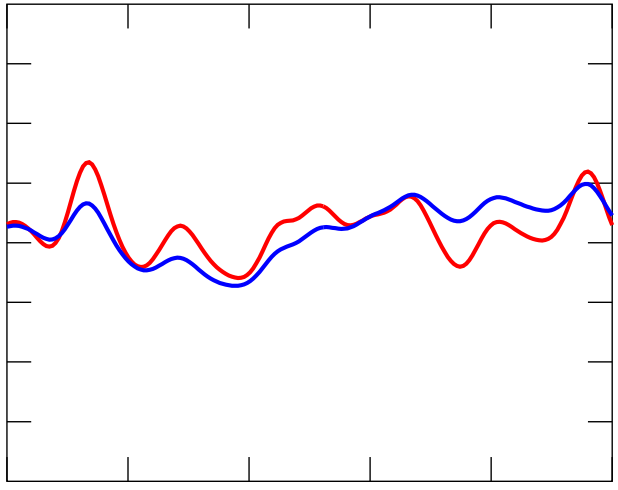

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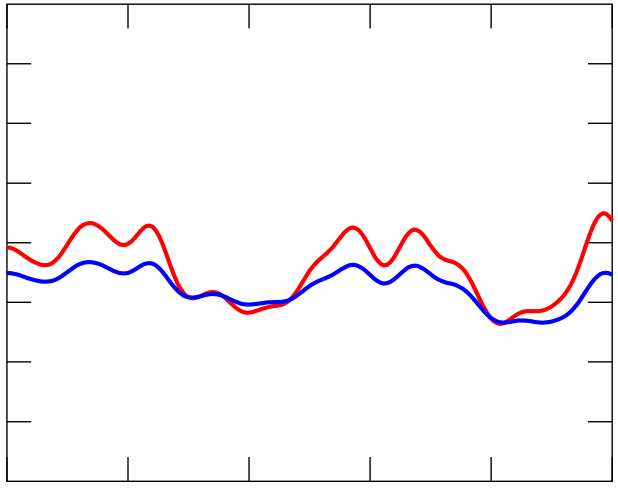

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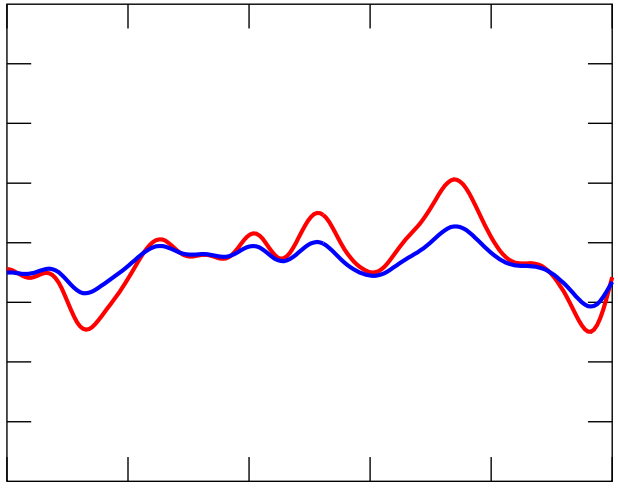

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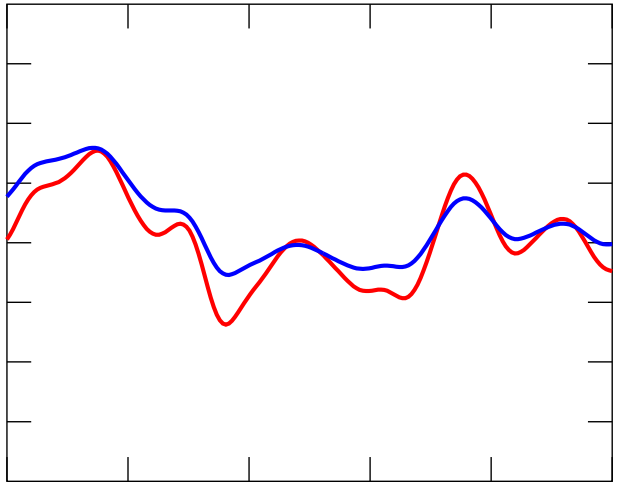

Gaussian processes for Multi-task, Multi-output and Multi-class

- Bonilla et al. (2008) suggest ICM for multitask learning.
- Use a PPCA form for $\mathbf{B}$: similar to our Kalman filter example.
- Refer to the autokrigeability effect as the cancellation of inter-task transfer.
- Also discuss the similarities between the multi-task GP and the ICM, and its relationship to the SLFM and the LMC.

Multitask Classification

- Mostly restricted to the case where the outputs are conditionally independent given the hyperparameters ϕ (Minka and Picard, 1997; Williams and Barber, 1998; Lawrence and Platt, 2004; Seeger and Jordan, 2004; Yu et al., 2005; Rasmussen and Williams, 2006).
- Intrinsic coregionalization model has been used in the multiclass scenario. Skolidis and Sanguinetti (2011) use the intrinsic coregionalization model for classification, by introducing a probit noise model as the likelihood.
- Posterior distribution is no longer analytically tractable: approximate inference is required.

Computer Emulation

- A statistical model used as a surrogate for a computationally expensive computer model.
- Higdon et al. (2008) use the linear model of coregionalization to model images representing the evolution of the implosion of steel cylinders.
- In Conti and O'Hagan (2009) use the ICM to model a vegetation model: called the Sheffield Dynamic Global Vegetation Model (Woodward et al., 1998).

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