

Constrained Gaussian process modeling

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 - Quick review
 - Towards incorporation of constraints

- **Linear constraints for Gaussian processes**
 - Theoretical framework
 - Numerical approximations

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Standard Gaussian process modeling

■ Notations

- **Computer code** $f : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- **Inputs** $\mathbf{x} = (x^1, \dots, x^D) \in \mathbb{R}^D$
- **Output** $y = f(\mathbf{x})$

- **Observations** $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}$

$$X_s = [\mathbf{x}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n^T]^T \quad Y_s = [y_1, \dots, y_n]^T$$

■ Model

- **Output seen as realization of stationary Gaussian process**

$$Y(\mathbf{x}) = f_0(\mathbf{x}) + W(\mathbf{x})$$

$$f_0(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^J \beta_j f_j(\mathbf{x}) = F(\mathbf{x})\beta \quad C(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = \sigma^2 R(\boldsymbol{\tau})$$



Standard Gaussian process modeling

■ Conditioning:

$$\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) = Y(\mathbf{x}^*) | Y(X_s) = Y_s$$

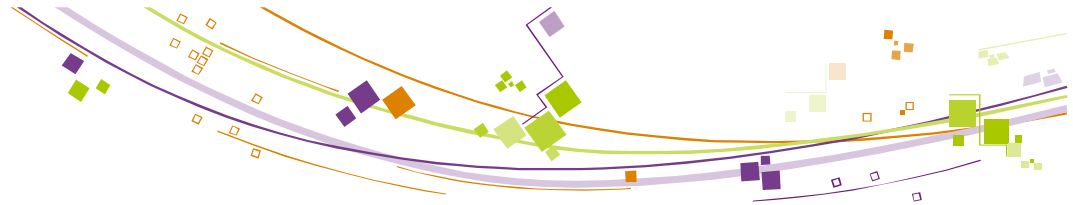
- MLE estimates

$$\hat{\beta} = (F_s R \psi^{-1} F_s)^{-1} F_s^T R \psi^{-1} Y_s \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} (Y_s - F_s \hat{\beta})^T R \psi^{-1} (Y_s - F_s \hat{\beta}) \quad \psi^* = \arg \min_{\psi} \hat{\sigma}^2 \det(R \psi)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

- Predictor

$$\tilde{\mu} = \mathbb{E} \left(\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) \right)$$

$$\tilde{\mu} = F(\mathbf{x}^*) \hat{\beta} + k(\mathbf{x}^*)^T \Sigma_S^{-1} \left(Y_s - F_s \hat{\beta} \right)$$



Standard Gaussian process modeling

- Why accounting for constraints ?
 - Physics / expected behavior are respected
 - Improved predictions
 - Robustness



Standard Gaussian process modeling

- Problem already studied in nonparametric regression
 - 1D setting
 - Ramsay 2005, Dette and Scheder 2006, Bigot and Gadat 2010
 - Kernel regression
 - Constraints on weights: Hall and Huang 2001, Racine et al. 2009
 - Kriging
 - Data-augmentation: Abrahamsen and Benth 2001
 - Weights: Yoo and Kyriadis 2006
 - Sampling: Michalak 2008, Kleijnen and van Beers 2010



Standard Gaussian process modeling

- Here, we propose to keep the conditional expectation framework

- Example for bound constraints

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mid \forall \mathbf{x} \in I, a \leq \tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}) \leq b \right)$$

- Links with extrema of random fields ...

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mid \min_{\mathbf{x} \in I} \tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}) \geq a, \max_{\mathbf{x} \in I} \tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}) \leq b \right)$$

- ... but no tractable formula for joint distributions in the general case



Standard Gaussian process modeling

- Proposal: discrete-location approximation

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mid \forall \mathbf{x} \in I, a \leq \tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}) \leq b \right)$$



$$\mathbb{E} \left(\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mid \forall i = 1, \dots, N, a \leq \tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}_i) \leq b \right)$$



Standard Gaussian process modeling

■ Examples of constrained predictors

■ **Bounds** $\mathbb{E} \left(\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mid \forall i = 1, \dots, N, a_i \leq \tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}_i) \leq b_i \right)$

■ **Monotony** $\mathbb{E} \left(\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mid \forall i = 1, \dots, N, \frac{\partial \tilde{Y}}{\partial x^j}(\mathbf{x}_i) \geq 0 \right)$

■ **Convexity** $\mathbb{E} \left(\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mid \forall i = 1, \dots, N, \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{Y}}{\partial x^2}(\mathbf{x}_i) \geq 0 \right)$

■ **Conservation** $\mathbb{E} \left(\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mid \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}_i) \leq M \right)$



Standard Gaussian process modeling

■ Roughly speaking ...

■ Standard framework:

- Take all trajectories which interpolate the observations
- Compute the average to get the kriging predictor
- (If desired, the variance yields a measure of accuracy)

■ Here:

- Take all trajectories which interpolate the observations
- Select those which respect the constraints of bounds, monotony, ...
- Compute the average to get the new kriging predictor
- (If desired, the variance yields a measure of accuracy)



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Linear constraints for Gaussian processes

■ Relevant constraints ...

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■ **Conservation** $\mathbb{E} \left(\tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}^*) \mid \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \tilde{Y}(\mathbf{x}_i) \leq M \right)$

■ ... are all linear constraints for a multivariate normal random vector



Linear constraints for Gaussian processes

- Common framework: truncated normal distribution

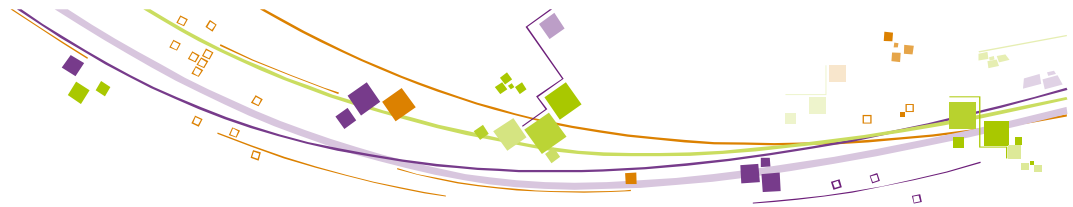
- Given a multivariate normal vector ...

$$\mathbf{Z} = (Z_1, \dots, Z_p)$$

$$\phi_{\mu, \Sigma}(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{z} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{z} - \mu)\right)$$

- ... its truncated version has the following p.d.f.

$$\phi_{\mu, \Sigma, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{cases} \frac{\phi_{\mu, \Sigma}(\mathbf{z})}{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{a} \leq \mathbf{Z} \leq \mathbf{b})}, & \text{for } \mathbf{a} \leq \mathbf{z} \leq \mathbf{b}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Linear constraints for Gaussian processes

■ Theoretical results on truncated normal distribution

- Extensively studied by Tallis
- Moment generating function

$$m(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{e^T}{\alpha} \Phi(\mathbf{a} - \xi, \mathbf{b} - \xi; \Sigma)$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{t}^T \Sigma \mathbf{t} \quad \xi = \Sigma \mathbf{t}$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}; \Sigma) = \int_{u_1}^{v_1} \dots \int_{u_p}^{v_p} \phi_{0, \Sigma, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$$

- Expectation

$$\mathbb{E}(Z_i | \mathbf{a} \leq \mathbf{Z} \leq \mathbf{b}) = \mu + \sum_{k=1}^p \sigma_{ik} (F_k(a_k) - F_k(b_k))$$

$$F_i(z) = \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \dots \int_{a_{i-1}}^{b_{i-1}} \int_{a_{i+1}}^{b_{i+1}} \dots \int_{a_p}^{b_p} \phi_{\mu, \Sigma, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}}(z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, z, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_p) dz_1 \dots dz_{i-1} dz_{i+1} \dots dz_p$$



Linear constraints for Gaussian processes

■ Numerical approximations

■ Correlation-free formula

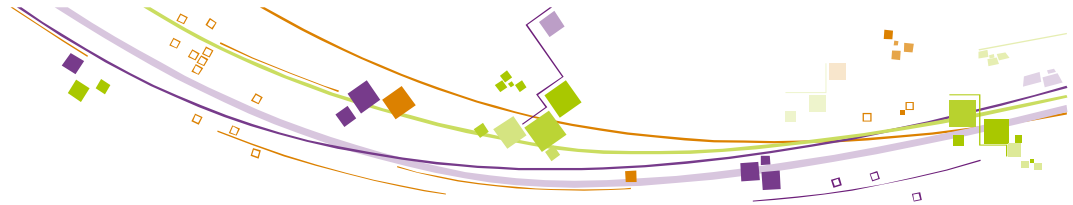
$$\mathbb{E}(Z_1 | a_1 \leq Z_1 \leq b_1) = \mu_1 + \frac{\phi\left(\frac{a_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_{11}}\right) - \phi\left(\frac{b_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_{11}}\right)}{\Phi\left(\frac{b_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_{11}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_{11}}\right)} \sigma_{11}$$

■ Genz approximation

- Numerical integration (up to dimension 1000)

■ Sampling point of view

- Gibbs' sampler (Robert 1995)
- Fast univariate sampling algorithm



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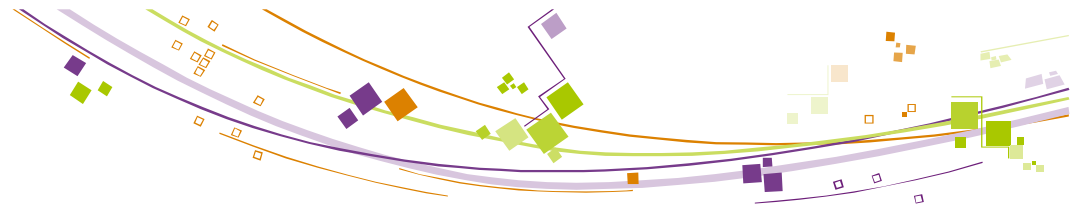


Examples on analytical functions

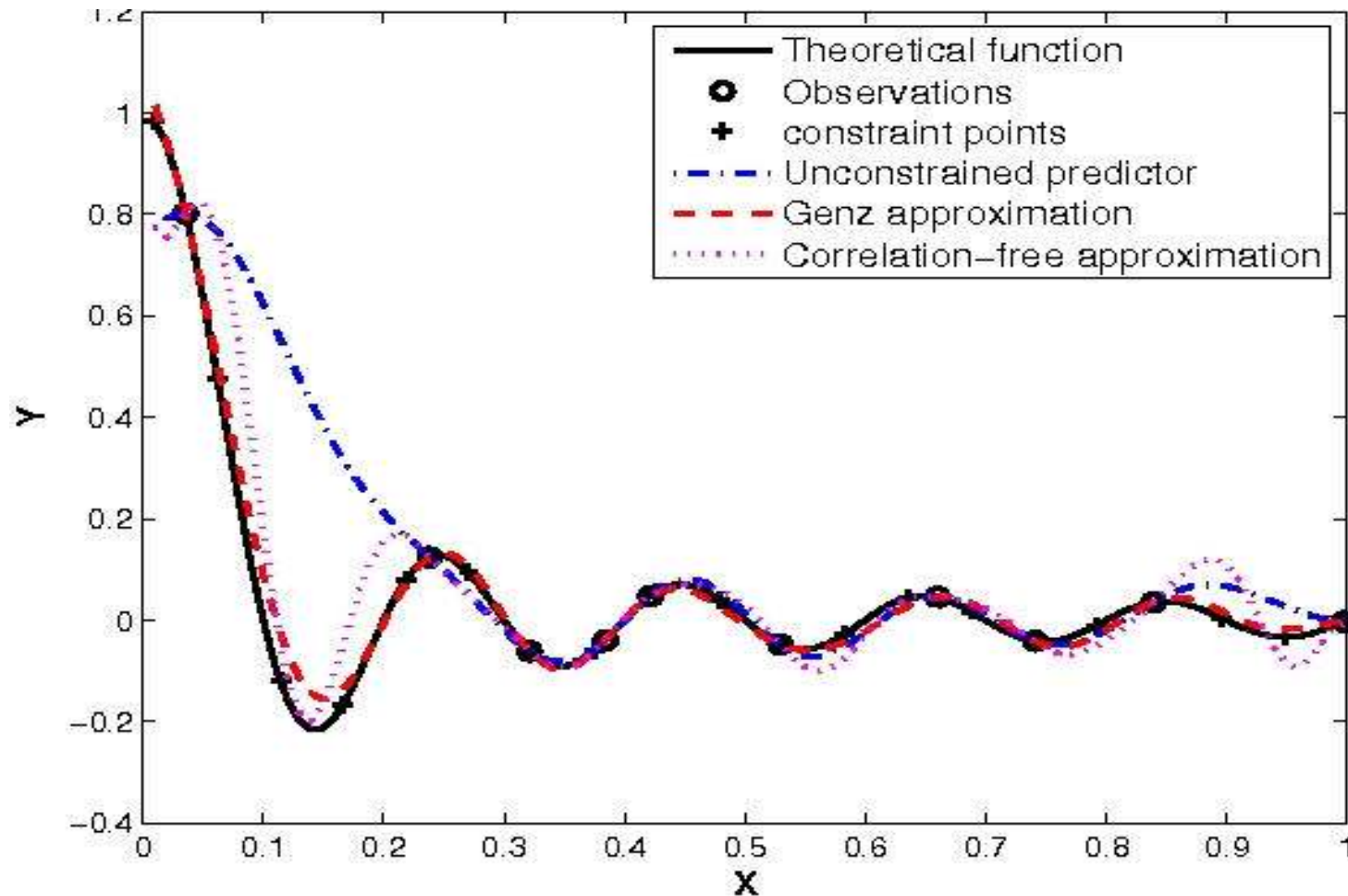
■ 1D stationary function

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin(10\pi x)}{10\pi x}$$

- $n = 10$ observations (at random)
- Gaussian correlation function
- Bound constraints: positive / negative
- $N = 20$ constraint locations (equally spaced)



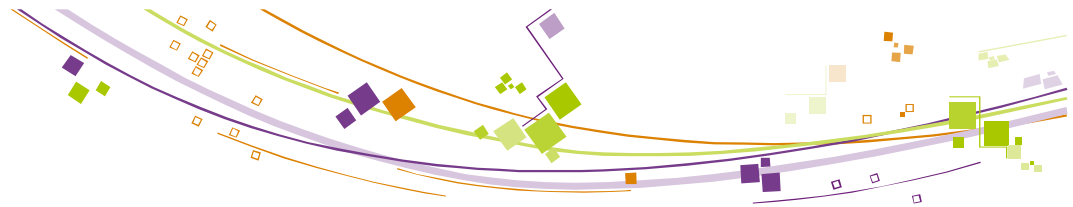
Examples on analytical functions



Q2 = 0.021
(uncons)

Q2 = 0.83
(correlation-free)

Q2 = 0.98
(Genz / sampling)



Examples on analytical functions

Gaussian covariance, bound constraints

n	N	Unconstrained	Genz	Sampling	Correlation-free
n = 10	N = 20	0.30 +/- 0.46	0.53 +/- 0.36	0.47 +/- 0.39	0.42 +/- 0.29
n = 10	N = 30	0.24 +/- 0.43	0.41 +/- 0.39	0.39 +/- 0.43	0.41 +/- 0.30
n = 15	N = 20	0.58 +/- 0.53	0.72 +/- 0.36	0.72 +/- 0.36	0.69 +/- 0.34
n = 15	N = 30	0.62 +/- 0.56	0.80 +/- 0.34	0.77 +/- 0.37	0.74 +/- 0.33
n = 20	N = 20	0.93 +/- 0.28	0.96 +/- 0.12	0.96 +/- 0.12	0.91 +/- 0.28
n = 20	N = 30	0.91 +/- 0.34	0.95 +/- 0.14	0.95 +/- 0.15	0.93 +/- 0.18
n = 25	N = 20	0.99 +/- 0.03	0.99 +/- 0.03	0.99 +/- 0.03	0.99 +/- 0.03
n = 25	N = 30	0.96 +/- 0.29	0.99 +/- 0.05	0.99 +/- 0.05	0.98 +/- 0.10

Matérn 3/2 covariance, bound constraints

n	N	Unconstrained	Genz	Sampling	Correlation-free
n = 10	N = 20	0.46 +/- 0.61	0.60 +/- 0.41	0.46 +/- 0.58	0.45 +/- 0.33
n = 10	N = 30	0.29 +/- 0.46	0.52 +/- 0.33	0.32 +/- 0.39	0.47 +/- 0.28
n = 15	N = 20	0.60 +/- 0.40	0.72 +/- 0.32	0.70 +/- 0.34	0.68 +/- 0.31
n = 15	N = 30	0.55 +/- 0.45	0.74 +/- 0.34	0.65 +/- 0.42	0.69 +/- 0.31
n = 20	N = 20	0.73 +/- 0.39	0.83 +/- 0.29	0.80 +/- 0.33	0.81 +/- 0.30
n = 20	N = 30	0.79 +/- 0.33	0.85 +/- 0.25	0.84 +/- 0.26	0.83 +/- 0.25
n = 25	N = 20	0.82 +/- 0.38	0.87 +/- 0.27	0.87 +/- 0.27	0.86 +/- 0.28
n = 25	N = 30	0.89 +/- 0.28	0.92 +/- 0.20	0.92 +/- 0.20	0.91 +/- 0.21

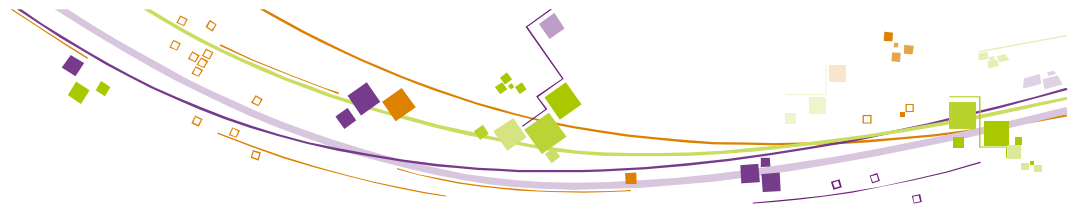


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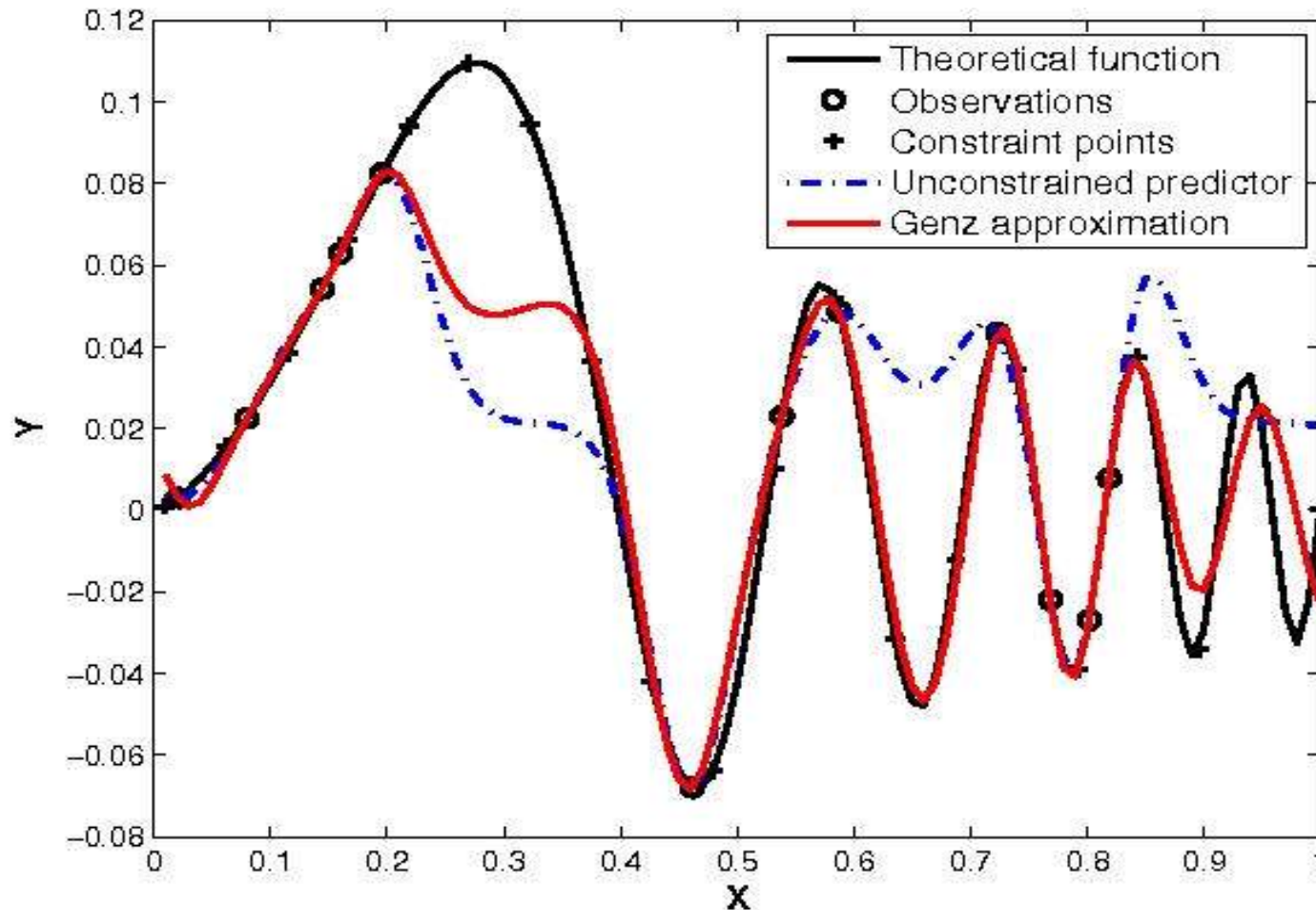
■ 1D non-stationary function

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin(10\pi x^{5/2})}{10\pi x}$$

- $n = 15$ observations (at random)
- Gaussian correlation function
- Bound constraints: positive / negative
- $N = 20$ constraint locations (equally spaced)

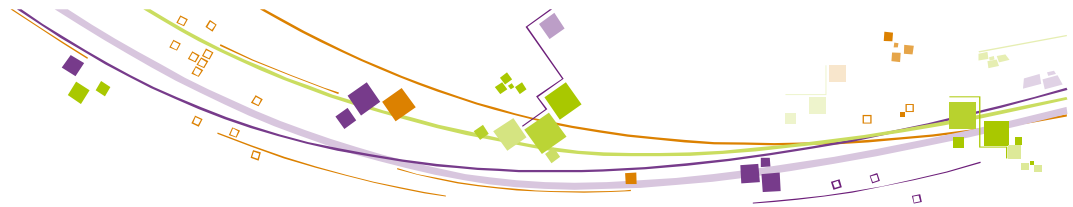


Examples on analytical functions



Q2 = 0.43
(uncons)

Q2 = 0.84
(Genz /
sampling)



Examples on analytical functions

Matérn 3/2 covariance, bound constraints

n	N	Unconstrained	Genz	Sampling	Correlation-free
n = 10	N = 20	0.43 +/- 0.29	0.80 +/- 0.11	0.74 +/- 0.19	0.78 +/- 0.12
n = 10	N = 30	0.44 +/- 0.27	0.83 +/- 0.10	0.76 +/- 0.24	0.79 +/- 0.12
n = 10	N = 50	0.47 +/- 0.22	0.83 +/- 0.13	0.75 +/- 0.21	0.79 +/- 0.10
n = 10	N = 100	0.47 +/- 0.24	0.77 +/- 0.17	0.74 +/- 0.20	0.80 +/- 0.10
n = 20	N = 20	0.74 +/- 0.15	0.91 +/- 0.06	0.89 +/- 0.07	0.90 +/- 0.06
n = 20	N = 30	0.77 +/- 0.12	0.93 +/- 0.05	0.91 +/- 0.08	0.91 +/- 0.06
n = 20	N = 50	0.75 +/- 0.20	0.94 +/- 0.05	0.89 +/- 0.19	0.91 +/- 0.07
n = 20	N = 100	0.75 +/- 0.14	0.93 +/- 0.07	0.90 +/- 0.12	0.92 +/- 0.06
n = 30	N = 20	0.87 +/- 0.10	0.96 +/- 0.02	0.95 +/- 0.03	0.95 +/- 0.03
n = 30	N = 30	0.89 +/- 0.09	0.96 +/- 0.02	0.95 +/- 0.07	0.96 +/- 0.04
n = 30	N = 50	0.88 +/- 0.09	0.97 +/- 0.02	0.97 +/- 0.02	0.96 +/- 0.02
n = 30	N = 100	0.87 +/- 0.16	0.96 +/- 0.14	0.94 +/- 0.15	0.95 +/- 0.04
n = 40	N = 20	0.94 +/- 0.05	0.97 +/- 0.01	0.97 +/- 0.02	0.97 +/- 0.02
n = 40	N = 30	0.94 +/- 0.06	0.98 +/- 0.01	0.98 +/- 0.01	0.98 +/- 0.01
n = 40	N = 50	0.95 +/- 0.06	0.98 +/- 0.01	0.97 +/- 0.04	0.98 +/- 0.02
n = 40	N = 100	0.94 +/- 0.06	0.99 +/- 0.01	0.98 +/- 0.01	0.98 +/- 0.01
n = 50	N = 20	0.97 +/- 0.04	0.98 +/- 0.01	0.98 +/- 0.01	0.98 +/- 0.01
n = 50	N = 30	0.97 +/- 0.04	0.98 +/- 0.01	0.98 +/- 0.01	0.98 +/- 0.01
n = 50	N = 50	0.97 +/- 0.05	0.99 +/- 0.01	0.99 +/- 0.01	0.98 +/- 0.01
n = 50	N = 100	0.97 +/- 0.05	0.99 +/- 0.01	0.99 +/- 0.02	0.99 +/- 0.01

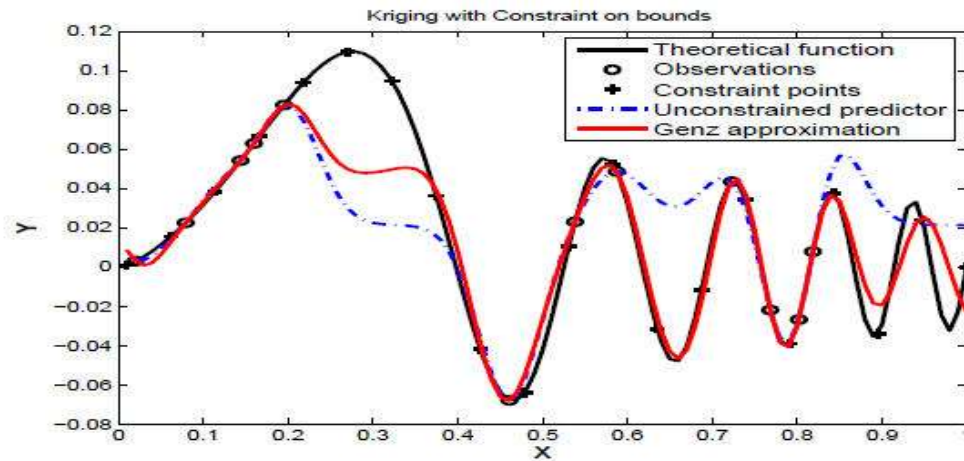


Examples on analytical functions

■ 1D non-stationary function

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin(10\pi x^{5/2})}{10\pi x}$$

- n = 15 observations (at random)
- Gaussian correlation function
- Several constraints
 - Bounds (positive / negative)
 - 1st order derivative (increasing / decreasing)
 - 2nd order derivative (convex / concave)
- N = 20 constraint locations (equally spaced)

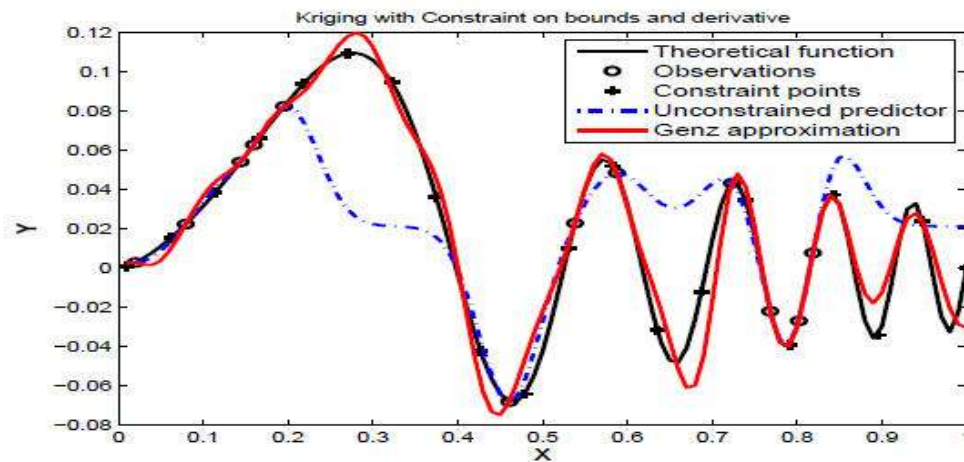


Q2 = 0.43

(uncons)

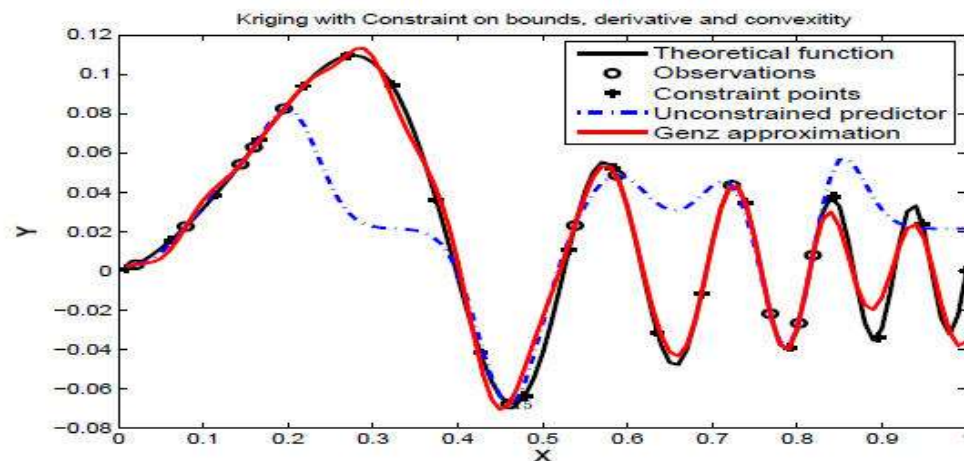
Q2 = 0.84

(bound constraints)



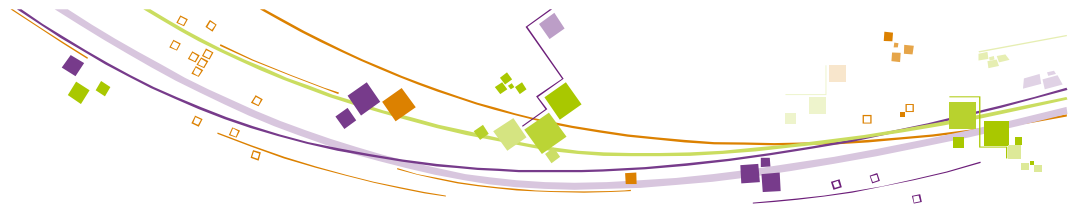
Q2 = 0.95

(bounds + deriv.)



Q2 = 0.98

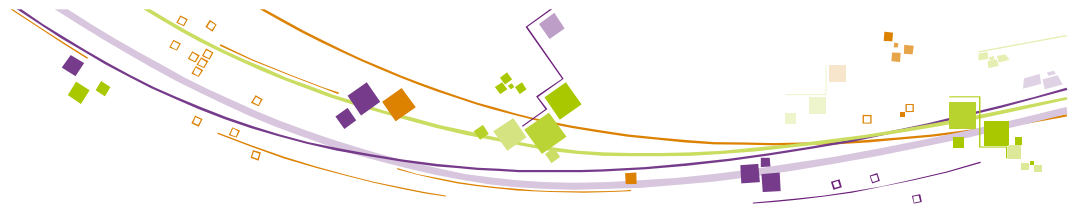
(bounds + deriv. +
convexity)



Examples on analytical functions

- Successive incorporation of constraints (n=15, N=20)

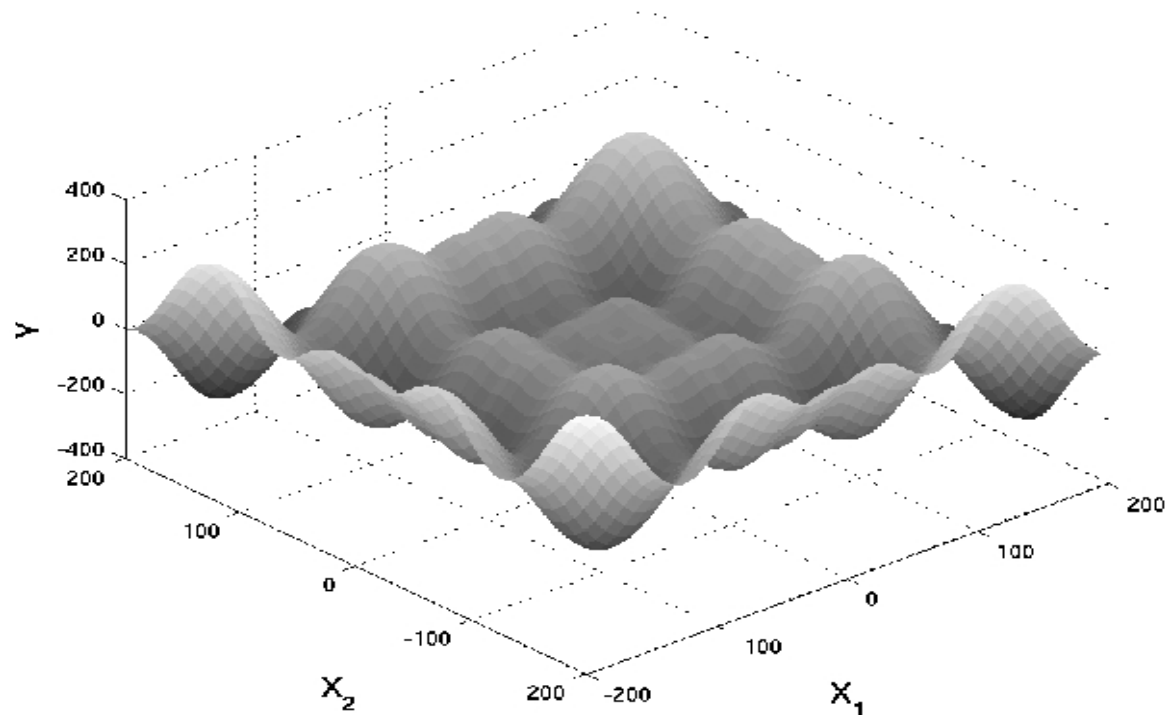
Constraints	Gaussian	Matérn
No	0.62 +/- 0.20	0.63 +/- 0.19
Bounds only	0.79 +/- 0.19	0.88 +/- 0.06
Derivatives only	0.80 +/- 0.19	0.77 +/- 0.11
Bounds and derivatives	0.80 +/- 0.23	0.91 +/- 0.06
Bounds and derivatives and convexity	0.85 +/- 0.19	×



Examples on analytical functions

■ 2D Schwefel's function

$$f(x^1, x^2) = -x^1 \sin(\sqrt{|x^1|}) - x^2 \sin(\sqrt{|x^2|})$$





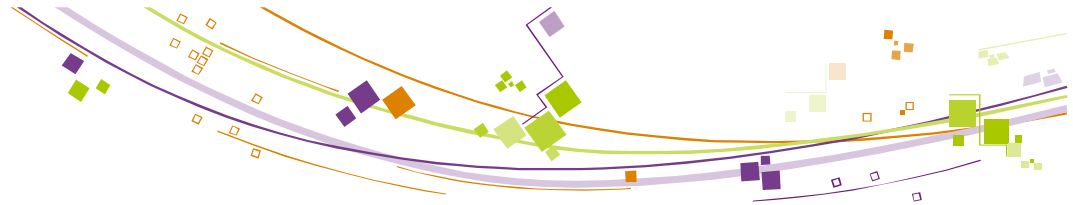
Examples on analytical functions

		Gaussian covariance, bounds			Matérn 3/2 covariance, bounds		
n	N	Unconstrained	Genz	Correlation-free	Unconstrained	Genz	Correlation-free
n = 50	N = 100	0.29 +/- 0.08	0.57 +/- 0.07	0.56 +/- 0.06	0.32 +/- 0.09	0.60 +/- 0.10	0.60 +/- 0.07
n = 50	N = 225	0.31 +/- 0.09	0.58 +/- 0.14	0.61 +/- 0.19	0.32 +/- 0.09	0.69 +/- 0.10	0.69 +/- 0.06
n = 50	N = 400	0.29 +/- 0.09	0.41 +/- 0.16	0.60 +/- 0.21	0.32 +/- 0.10	0.63 +/- 0.11	0.68 +/- 0.04
n = 100	N = 100	0.52 +/- 0.07	0.68 +/- 0.04	0.68 +/- 0.04	0.64 +/- 0.07	0.78 +/- 0.03	0.77 +/- 0.03
n = 100	N = 225	0.52 +/- 0.08	0.69 +/- 0.09	0.70 +/- 0.11	0.65 +/- 0.07	0.81 +/- 0.05	0.79 +/- 0.05
n = 100	N = 400	0.52 +/- 0.07	0.61 +/- 0.10	0.64 +/- 0.44	0.64 +/- 0.08	0.78 +/- 0.05	0.80 +/- 0.03
n = 150	N = 100	0.66 +/- 0.06	0.76 +/- 0.04	0.76 +/- 0.04	0.82 +/- 0.05	0.88 +/- 0.03	0.87 +/- 0.03
n = 150	N = 225	0.67 +/- 0.05	0.74 +/- 0.07	0.76 +/- 0.06	0.83 +/- 0.06	0.88 +/- 0.03	0.87 +/- 0.03
n = 150	N = 400	0.66 +/- 0.05	0.69 +/- 0.06	0.77 +/- 0.05	0.83 +/- 0.04	0.87 +/- 0.03	0.88 +/- 0.02
n = 200	N = 100	0.75 +/- 0.04	0.81 +/- 0.03	0.81 +/- 0.03	0.92 +/- 0.03	0.94 +/- 0.02	0.94 +/- 0.03
n = 200	N = 225	0.75 +/- 0.04	0.80 +/- 0.05	0.81 +/- 0.05	0.92 +/- 0.03	0.93 +/- 0.02	0.93 +/- 0.02
n = 200	N = 400	0.74 +/- 0.05	0.76 +/- 0.05	0.81 +/- 0.05	0.92 +/- 0.03	0.93 +/- 0.03	0.94 +/- 0.02
n = 300	N = 100	0.84 +/- 0.05	0.87 +/- 0.04	0.87 +/- 0.04	0.98 +/- 0.02	0.99 +/- 0.01	0.99 +/- 0.01
n = 300	N = 225	0.84 +/- 0.05	0.85 +/- 0.03	0.86 +/- 0.03	0.98 +/- 0.02	0.98 +/- 0.02	0.98 +/- 0.02
n = 300	N = 400	0.84 +/- 0.04	0.85 +/- 0.04	0.88 +/- 0.04	0.98 +/- 0.02	0.98 +/- 0.02	0.99 +/- 0.01



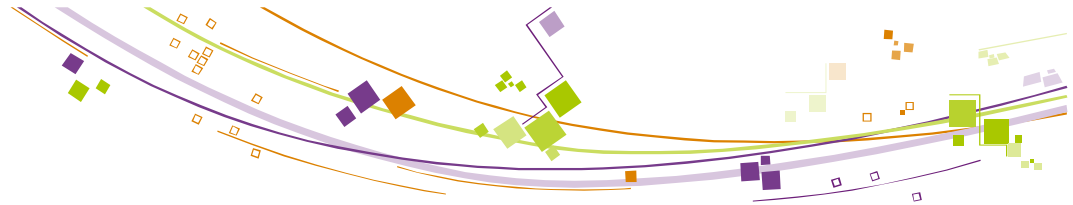
Conclusions

- New theoretical framework for incorporating constraints in Gaussian process modeling
 - Three dedicated numerical approximations
- Results on analytical functions are promising
 - Improved predictivity when the number of simulations is small
 - More robust
 - Predictions are consistent with respect to physics
- Paper submitted to special issue of "Annales de la faculté des sciences de Toulouse"



Outlook

- **Constrained estimation of hyperparameters**
- **Theoretical and numerical study on constraint locations**
 - Current result to be refined: very few uniform locations seem to be sufficient
- **Convergence proof to justify discrete-location approximation**



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