

GP_emu - model analysis with GPs

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What is a model?

Definition

A scientific model is a representation of a phenomenon

- conceptual
- mathematical
- physical

Models generally do the following:

- take **input** information
- **process** this information
- **output** information (i.e. make **predictions**)

We often use computer simulations to run models.

What is a model?

A simple computational model

Simulations can be very simple.

A 'simulation' of the function $f(x) = x(\cos(x) + 3)$ might be:

```
# simple function
def func(x):
    return x * ( np.cos(x) + 3 )

x = 1          # input
y = func(x)   # output
```

It's so simple, it feels wrong to call this a 'simulation'...

What is a model?

A complicated simulation

Simulations can be quite complicated, such that we don't know how outputs depend on inputs (else we wouldn't need to run the simulations).

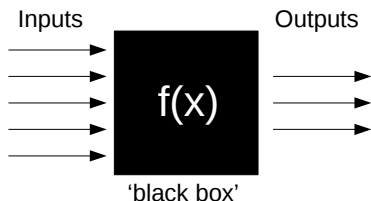
```
# not so simple model
def model(x1, x2, x3, x4, x5):
    # 10,000 lines of complicated code
    return y1, y2, y3
```

```
x1, x2, x3, x4, x5 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5           # input
y1, y2, y3 = model(x1, x2, x3, x4, x5)     # outputs
```

Learning a function

Simulations as 'black box' functions

We suppose we can **learn how the outputs depend on the inputs** i.e. 'fit the data' by relating outputs to inputs: $y = f(x)$ where f is a function.



If we could learn the properties of $f(x)$ we could obtain a **surrogate model**, or **emulator**, to run in place of the original simulation.

Learning a function

From training data to prediction

From Rasmussen & Williams **Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning**:

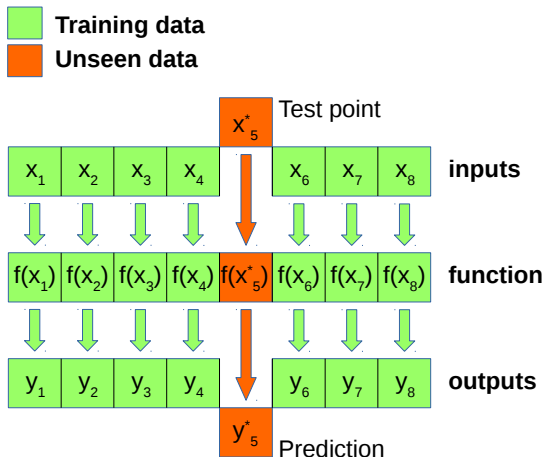
... think of a function as a very long vector, each entry in the vector specifying the function value $f(x)$ at a particular input x .

*... we denote the input as x , and the output (or target) as y ...
We have a dataset D of n observations, $D = \{(x_i, y_i) | i = 1, \dots, n\}$*

... we need to move from the finite training data D to a function f that makes predictions for all possible input values.

Learning a function

From training data to prediction



What is a Gaussian Process?

Definition of a Gaussian Process

From Rasmussen & Williams **Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning**:

A Gaussian process is a collection of random variables ... which have a joint Gaussian distribution ... the random variables represent the value of the function $f(x)$ at location x .

Represent function with GP

- $f(x) \sim \mathbf{GP}$
- $\mathbf{E}[f(x^*)]$: mean of f for input x^*
- $\mathbf{V}[f(x^*)]$: variance of f for input x^*

What is a Gaussian Process?

Definition of a Gaussian Process

A GP is completely specified by its mean and covariance function.

$$f(x) \sim \mathbf{GP}(m(x), k(x, x'))$$

$$m(x) = \mathbf{E}[f(x)]$$

$$k(x, x') = \mathbf{E}[(f(x) - m(x))(f(x') - m(x')))]$$

The **mean function** $m(x)$ can be anything - common choices are zero, or a linear combination of the inputs.

The **covariance function** $k(x, x')$ is a measure of how dissimilar $f(x)$ and $f(x')$ should be given x and x' .

What is a Gaussian Process?

Training on data

For a linear mean and a Gaussian covariance function:

$$m(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$
$$k(x, x') = \sigma^2 \exp \left\{ -\frac{|x - x'|^2}{\delta^2} \right\}$$

The **hyperparameters** σ , δ , β_0 and β_1 need to be fit to our data.

We usually seek to maximise the loglikelihood function, which balances fitting the data with making the model specific (no fitting elephants).

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Free Software for Model Analysis

Open-source Python implementation for doing things with GPs.

 [GitHub, Inc. \(US\) | https://github.com/samcoveney/GP_emu_UQSA](https://github.com/samcoveney/GP_emu_UQSA)

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Why GP_emu ?

- easy to use - needs minimal knowledge of GPs
- incorporates training and validation methodology naturally
- includes an expanding range of powerful model analysis tools

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Using GP_emu

How to use GP_emu

- specify parameters in a 'beliefs file'
- specify fitting configuration in a 'config file'
- use GP_emu in a simple python script

```
import gp_emu_uqsa as g

#### set up the emulator
emul = g.setup("config")

#### plot before fitting
g.plot(emul, [0], "mean", points=True)

#### training - fits GP to data
g.train(emul)

#### plot after fitting
g.plot(emul, [0], "mean", points=True)
```

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Model Analysis

We can use an emulator to do many useful things, some of which cannot be done easily otherwise.

Uses of emulators in GP_emu :

- **uncertainty quantification** - estimate outputs from uncertain inputs
- **sensitivity analysis** - calculate sensitivity indices for the inputs
- **history matching** - given model outputs, determine which inputs could have plausibly produced these outputs (model calibration)
- **noise fitting** - learn the functional form (input dependence) of output variance for stochastic simulations

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UQSA example

For Uncertainty Quantification and Sensitivity Analysis, inputs can be treated as uncertain using Gaussian distributions with specified mean and variance.

```
#### set up sensitivity analysis
import gp_emu_uqsa.sensitivity as s

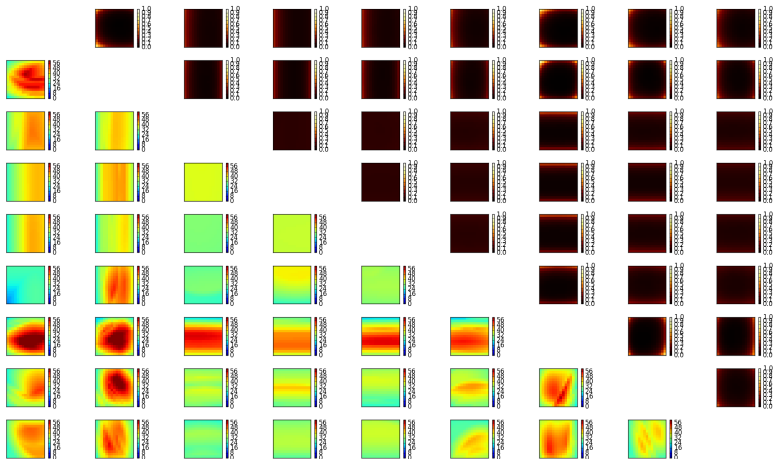
## setup sensitivity class
m = [0.50, 0.50] # mean
v = [0.02, 0.02] # variance
sens = s.setup(emu1, m, v)

## call UQSA functions
sens.uncertainty()
sens.sensitivity()
sens.main_effect(plot=True)
```

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History Matching

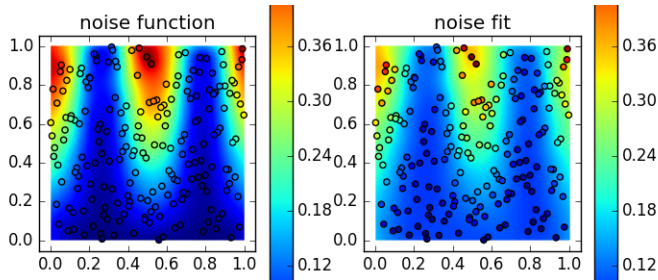
Given some outputs, which inputs could have plausibly been responsible?



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Noise Fitting

Sometimes simulations are stochastic, and sometimes the variance of an output depends on the input: $y = f(x) + \sigma(x) * \mathbf{N}$



Note that very few simulation runs have been used, and the simulation has not been repeated for the same input.

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Thanks for listening. Here are some **emu** chicks.

