

Learning with probabilities as inputs, using kernels

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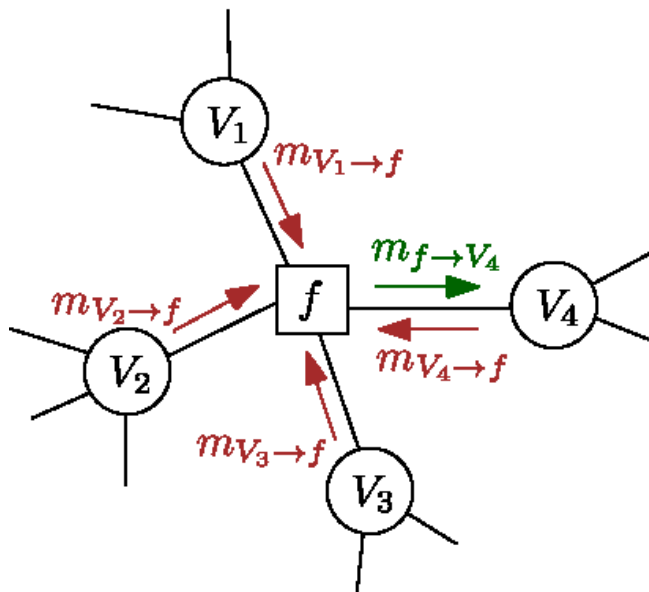
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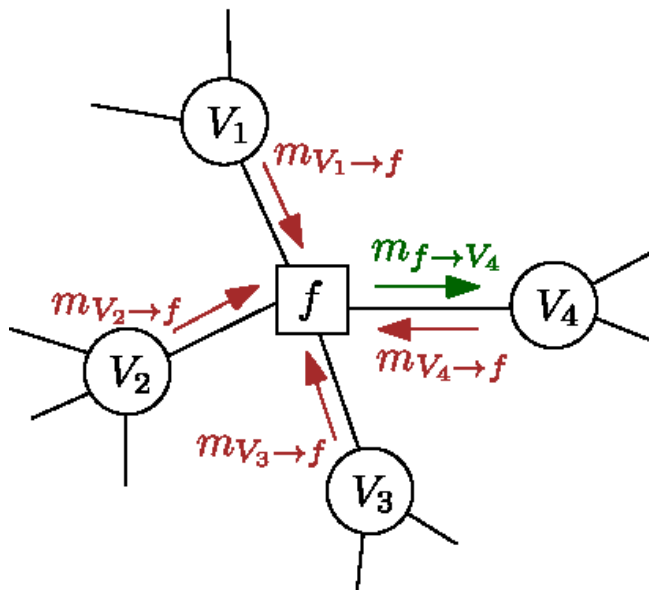
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- Introduction to reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces
 - Kernels and feature spaces
 - Mapping **probabilities** to feature space
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 - Approximate, uncertainty-aware regression with application to **EP**
[UAI15]
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- Define **features** of objects:

- $\varphi_x \in \mathcal{F}$ are features of x ,
- $\varphi_{x'} \in \mathcal{F}$ are features of x'

- A **kernel** is the dot product between these **features**:

$$k(x, x') := \langle \varphi_x, \varphi_{x'} \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} = \sum_{j \in J} \varphi_x^{(j)} \varphi_{x'}^{(j)}$$

- A **function** in the RKHS \mathcal{F} is a **linear combination of features**,

$$f(x) = \langle f, \varphi_x \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} = \sum_{j \in J} f_j \varphi_x^{(j)} \quad f \in \ell_2(J)$$

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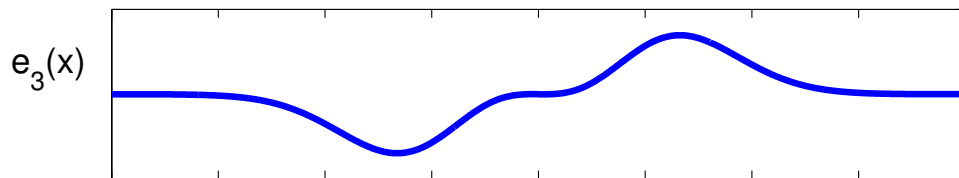
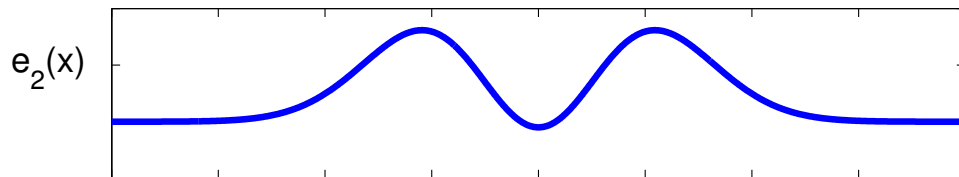
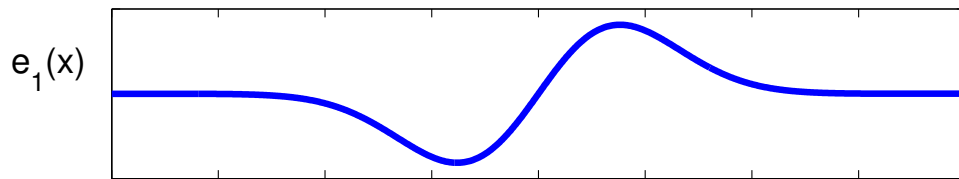
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$$\lambda_j \propto b^j \quad b < 1$$

$$e_j(x) \propto \exp(-(c - a)x^2) H_j(x\sqrt{2c}),$$

a, b, c are functions of σ , and H_j is j th order Hermite polynomial.



$$k(x, x')$$

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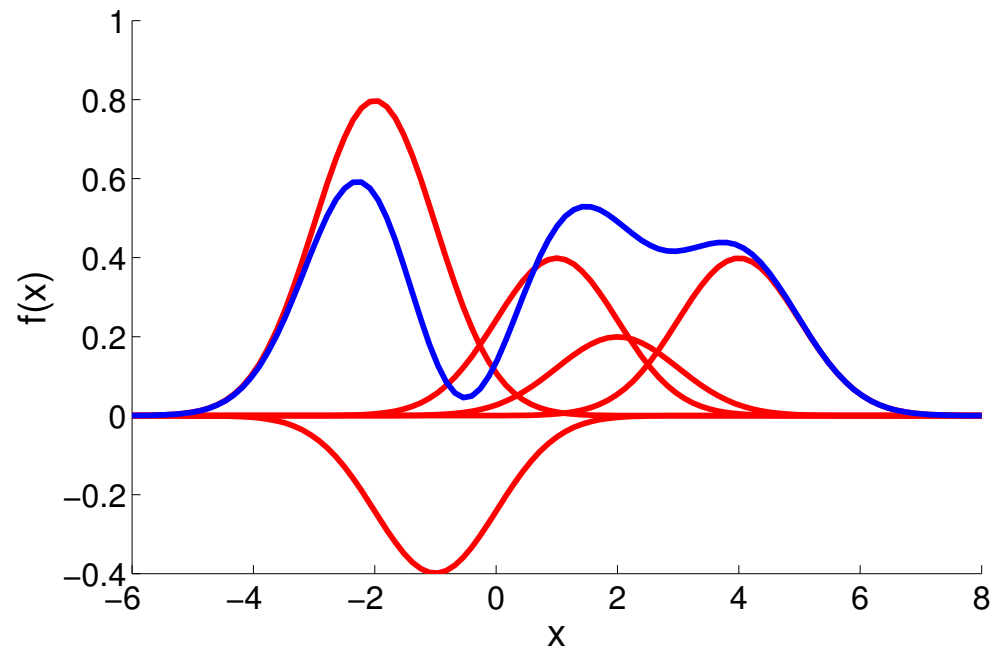
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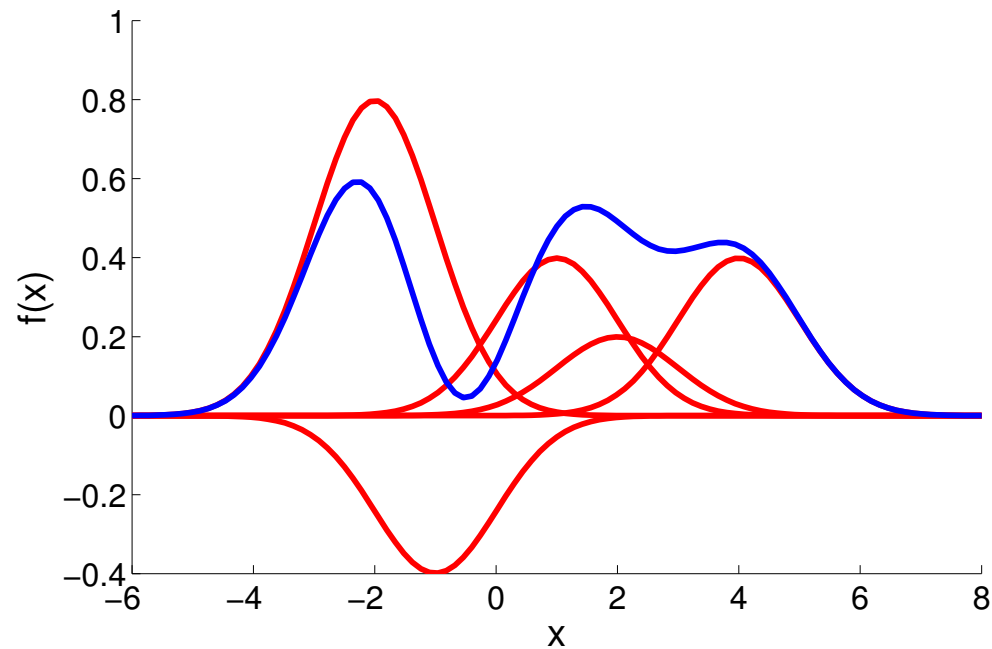
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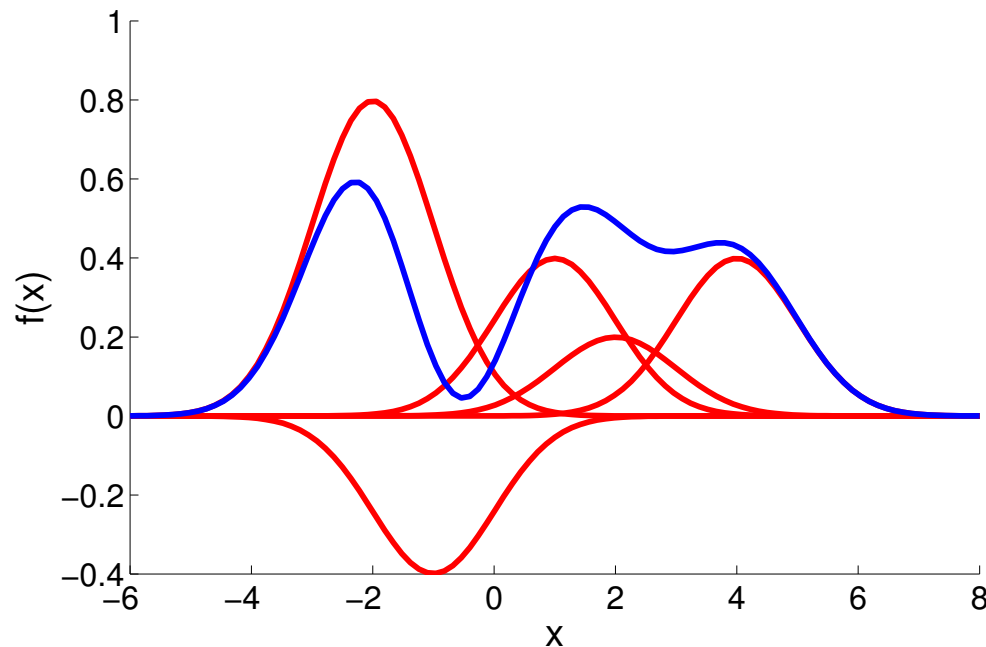


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where $f_j = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \varphi_{x_i}^{(j)}$



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$$\mu_{\mathbf{P}} = \left[\dots \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{P}} \left[\varphi_X^{(j)} \right] \dots \right] \in \ell_2(J)$$

- For positive definite $k(x, x')$,

$$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}} k(X, Y) = \langle \mu_{\mathbf{P}}, \mu_{\mathbf{Q}} \rangle_{\mathcal{F}}$$

for $X \sim \mathbf{P}$ and $Y \sim \mathbf{Q}$.

Need to ensure Bochner integrability of φ_x for $x \sim \mathbf{P}$

- $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{P}}(f(X)) =: \langle \mu_{\mathbf{P}}, f \rangle_{\mathcal{F}}$

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 - Support vector classification/regression, kernel ridge regression ...

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- Squared distance between distribution embeddings (MMD)

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- Can define kernels on mean embedding features [Christmann, Steinwart NIPS10],[AISTATS15]

K_G	K_e	K_C	K_t	...
$e^{-\frac{\ \mu_{\mathbf{P}} - \mu_{\mathbf{Q}}\ _{\mathcal{F}}^2}{2\theta^2}}$	$e^{-\frac{\ \mu_{\mathbf{P}} - \mu_{\mathbf{Q}}\ _{\mathcal{F}}}{2\theta^2}}$	$(1 + \ \mu_{\mathbf{P}} - \mu_{\mathbf{Q}}\ _{\mathcal{F}}^2 / \theta^2)^{-1}$	$(1 + \ \mu_{\mathbf{P}} - \mu_{\mathbf{Q}}\ _{\mathcal{F}}^{\theta})^{-1}, \theta \leq 2$...
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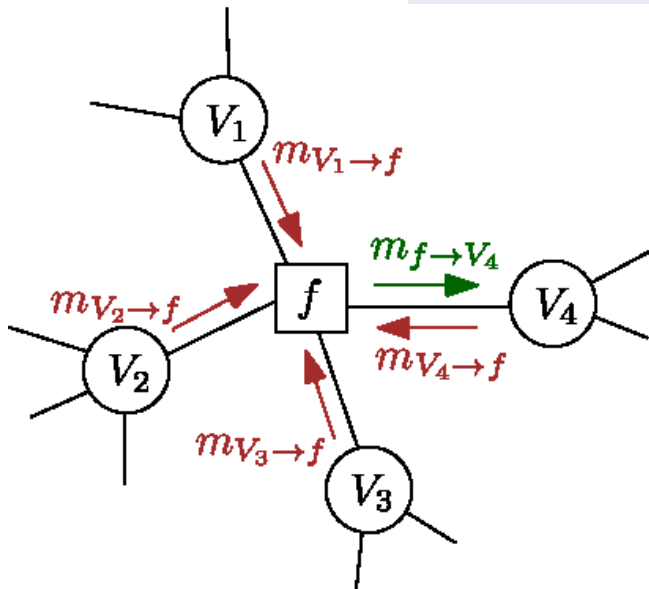
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- **Random features:** $\varphi_d(a) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ such that

$$k(a - b) \approx \varphi_d(a)^\top \varphi_d(b)$$

1. Draw i.i.d. $\{\omega_i\}_{i=1}^d \sim \mathfrak{K}(\omega)$.

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3. $\varphi_d(a) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{d}} \left[\cos(\omega_1^\top a + c_1), \dots, \cos(\omega_d^\top a + c_d) \right]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^d$

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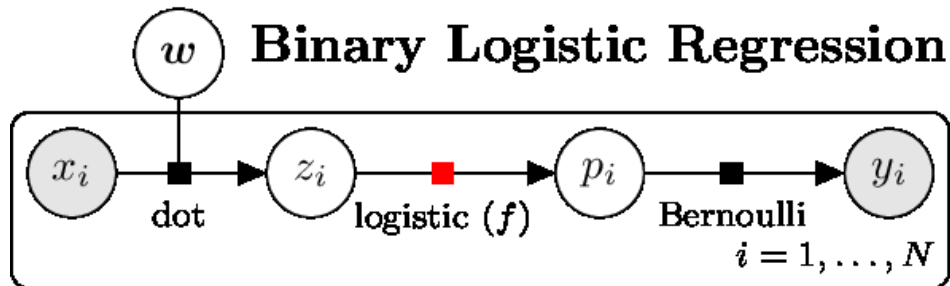
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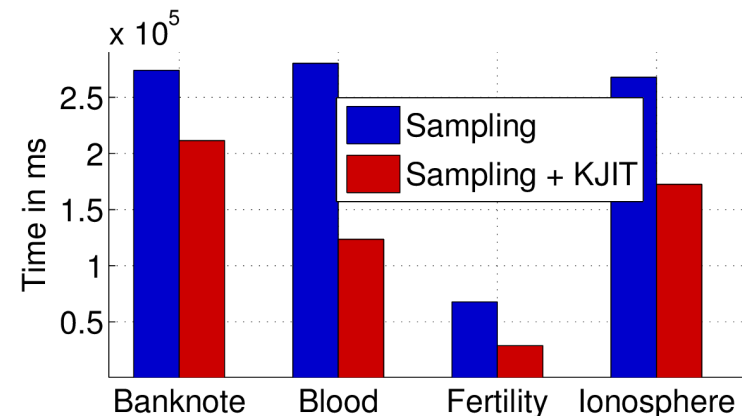
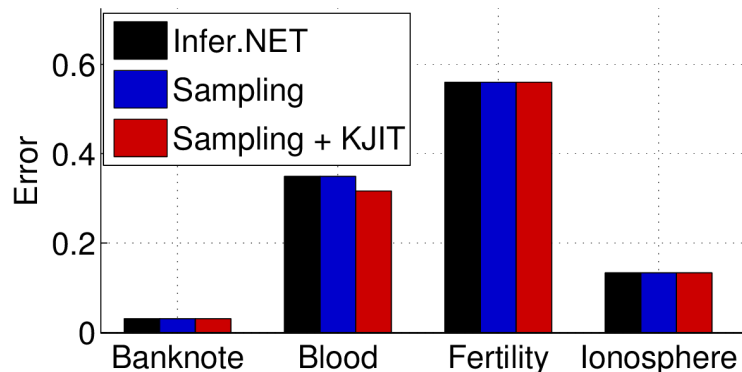
$$K_G(\mu_{\mathbf{P}}, \mu_{\mathbf{Q}}) \stackrel{1^{st}}{\approx} \underbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{\|\mu_{\mathbf{P},d} - \mu_{\mathbf{Q},d}\|_d^2}{2\gamma^2}\right)}_{\text{finite-dimensional Gaussian kernel}} \stackrel{2^{nd}}{\approx} \psi_{d'}(\mathbf{P})^\top \psi_{d'}(\mathbf{Q}).$$

- Gaussian process regression directly on features $\psi_{d'}(\mathbf{P}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d'}$ [UAI15]
 - Bayesian uncertainty estimates tell us when to consult oracle
 - Efficient rank-1 updates, solution size constant as number of samples increases

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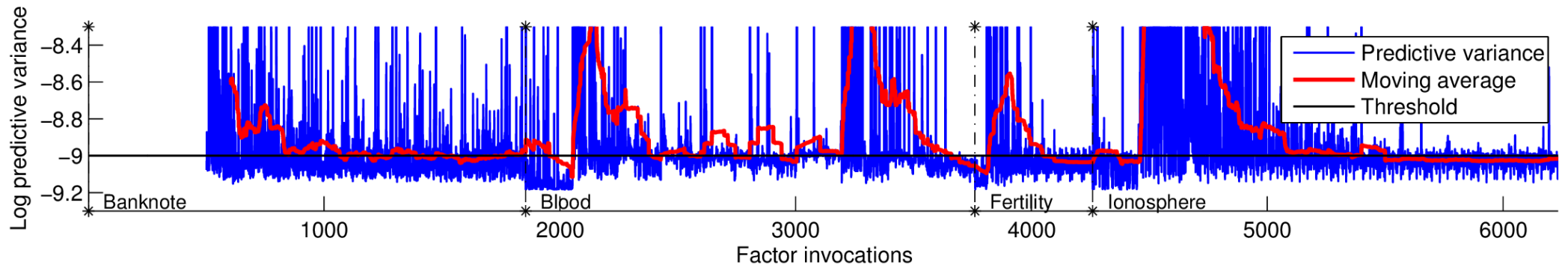


- Sequentially present 4 real datasets to the operator to learn.
- If predictive variance $>$ threshold, ask oracle.

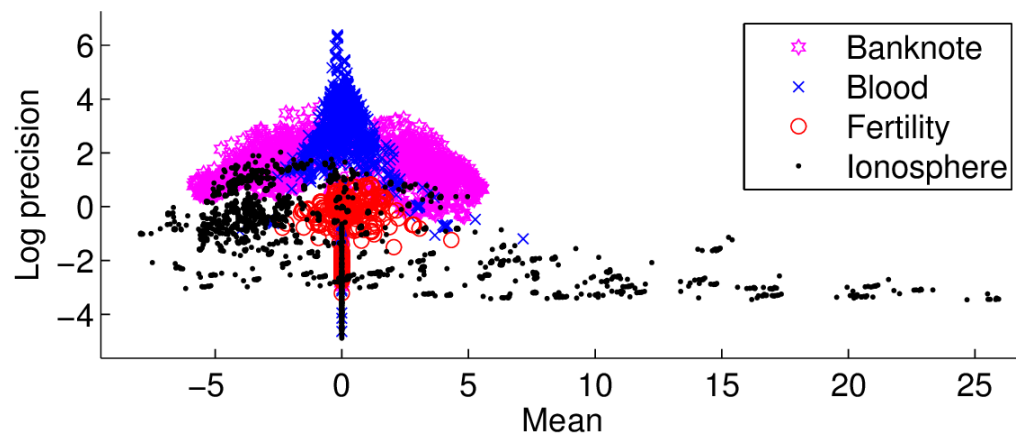


- **Left:** Binary classification error with learned posterior w ,
- **Right:** EP runtime.

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- Initial silent period = parameter selection + mini-batch training.
- * = start of a new problem.
- Sharp rises after * indicates ability to detect distribution (problem) change.



Distributions of
 $m_{z \rightarrow f} = \text{Gaussian}(z)$.

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- Define **RKHS** \mathcal{H} with kernel $K(\mu_{\mathbf{P}}, \mu_{\mathbf{Q}}) := \langle \psi_{\mu_{\mathbf{P}}}, \psi_{\mu_{\mathbf{Q}}} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$:
functions from $F \subset \mathcal{F}$ to \mathbb{R} , where

$$F := \{\mu_{\mathbf{P}} : \mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{P}\} \quad \mathcal{P} \text{ set of prob. meas. on } \mathcal{X}$$

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- Replace $\mu_{\mathbf{P}_i}$ with $\hat{\mu}_{\mathbf{P}_i} = N^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^N \varphi_{x_j}$ $x_j \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathbf{P}_i$

- Given $N = \ell^a \log(\ell)$ and $a = 2$, (and Hölder condition on $\psi : F \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$)

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Same rate as for population $\mu_{\mathbf{P}_i}$ embeddings! [AISTATS15, JMLR in revision]

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Additive noise model to direct an edge between random variables x and y

[Hoyer et al., 2009]

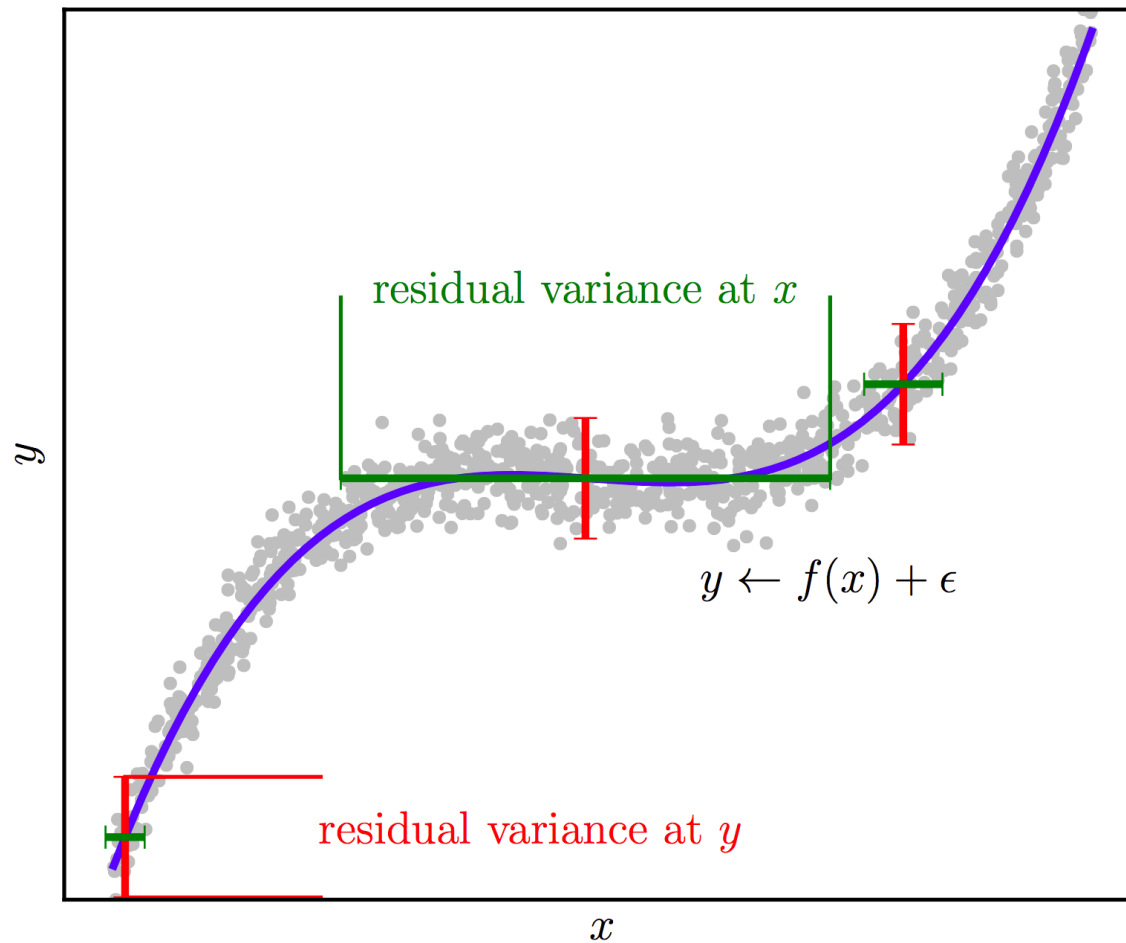


Figure: D. Lopez-Paz

Learning causal direction with mean embeddings

Classification of cause-effect relations [Lopez-Paz et al., 2015]

- **Tuebingen cause-effect pairs:** 82 scalar real-world examples where causes and effects known [Zscheischler, J., 2014]
- **Training data:** artificial, random nonlinear functions with additive gaussian noise.
- **Features:**
 $\hat{\mu}_{\mathbf{P}_x}, \hat{\mu}_{\mathbf{P}_y}, \hat{\mu}_{\mathbf{P}_{xy}}$
with labels
for $x \rightarrow y$ and
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- **Performance**
81% correct

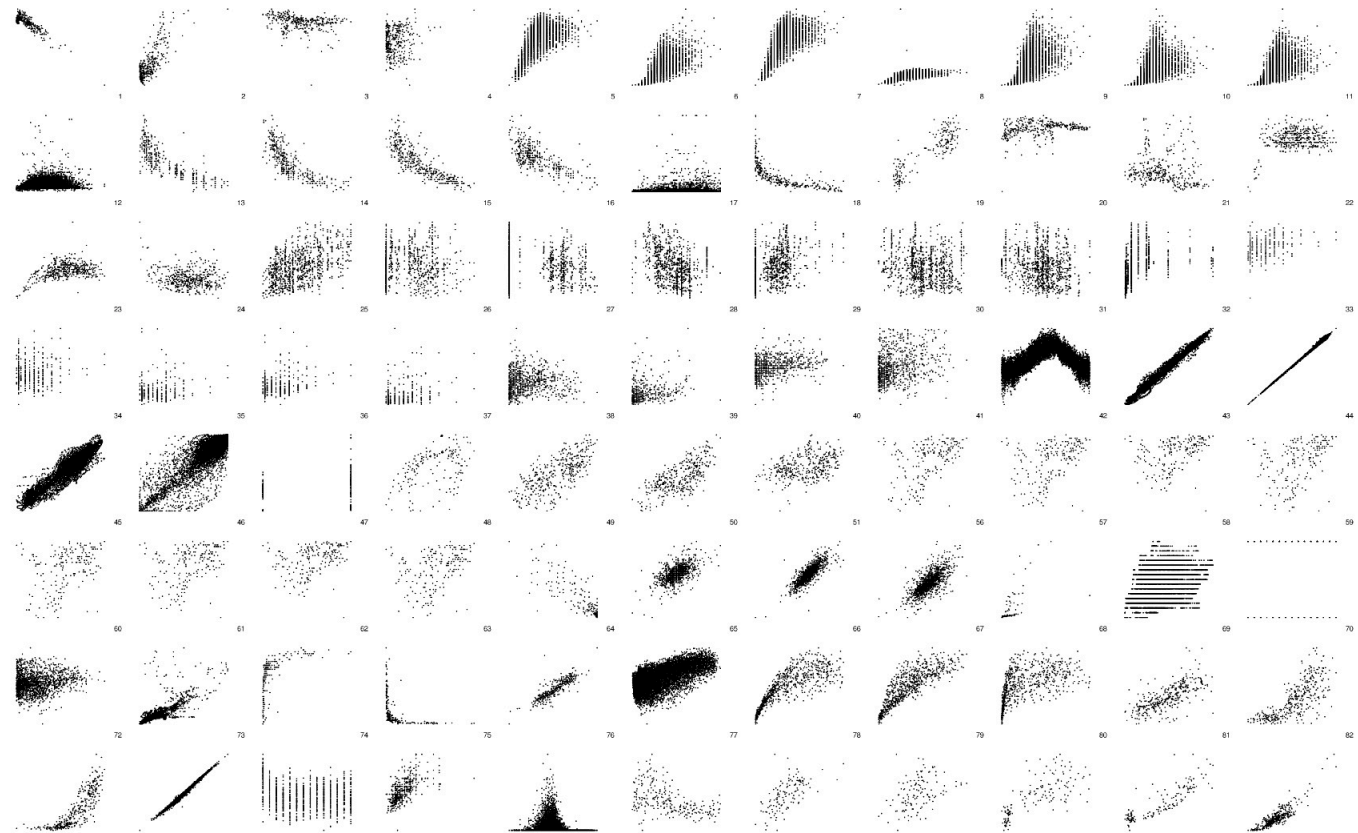


Figure: Mooij et al. (2015)

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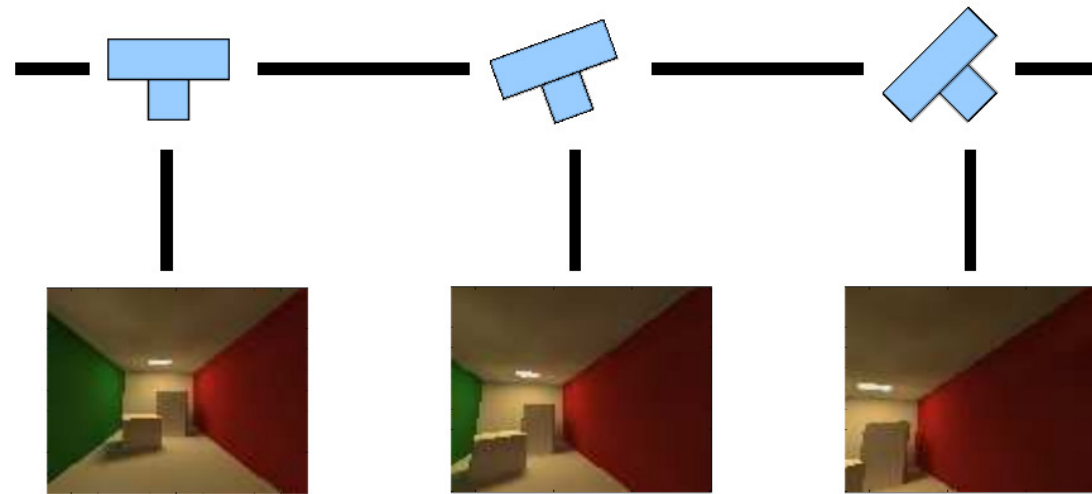
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Learning when the outputs are distributions

Motivating example: Bayesian inference without a model



Challenges:

- No parametric model of camera dynamics (only **samples**)
- No parametric model of map from camera angle to image (only **samples**)
- Want to do filtering: **Bayesian inference**

Conditional distribution embedding

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We need a **conditional mean embedding**: for all $g \in \mathcal{G}$,

$$\mathbf{E}_{Y|x^*} g(Y) = \langle g, \mu_{\mathbf{P}(y|x^*)} \rangle_{\mathcal{G}}$$

This will be obtained by **RKHS-valued ridge regression**

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Solution: $\check{A} = C_{YX} (C_{XX} + m\lambda I)^{-1}$

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Prediction at new point \boldsymbol{x} :

$$\begin{aligned} y^* &= \check{A}\boldsymbol{x} \\ &= C_{YX} (C_{XX} + m\lambda I)^{-1} \boldsymbol{x} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i(\boldsymbol{x}) y_i \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\beta_i(\boldsymbol{x}) = (K + \lambda m I)^{-1} \left[k(x_1, \boldsymbol{x}) \quad \dots \quad k(x_m, \boldsymbol{x}) \right]^\top$$

and

$$K := X^\top X \qquad k(x_1, \boldsymbol{x}) = x_1^\top \boldsymbol{x}$$

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Recall our setup:

- Given training *pairs*:

$$(x_i, y_i) \sim \mathbf{P}_{XY}$$

- \mathcal{F} on \mathcal{X} with feature map φ_x and kernel $k(x, \cdot)$
- \mathcal{G} on \mathcal{Y} with feature map ψ_y and kernel $l(y, \cdot)$

We define the **covariance between feature maps**:

$$C_{XX} = \mathbf{E}_X (\varphi_X \otimes \varphi_X) \quad C_{XY} = \mathbf{E}_{XY} (\varphi_X \otimes \psi_Y)$$

and matrices of **feature mapped training data**

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Objective: [Weston et al. (2003), Micchelli and Pontil (2005), Caponnetto and De Vito (2007), ICML12, ICML13]

$$\check{A} = \arg \min_{A \in \text{HS}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})} \left(\mathbf{E}_{XY} \|Y - AX\|_{\mathcal{G}}^2 + \lambda \|A\|_{\text{HS}}^2 \right), \quad \|A\|_{\text{HS}}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_{A,i}^2$$

Solution same as vector case:

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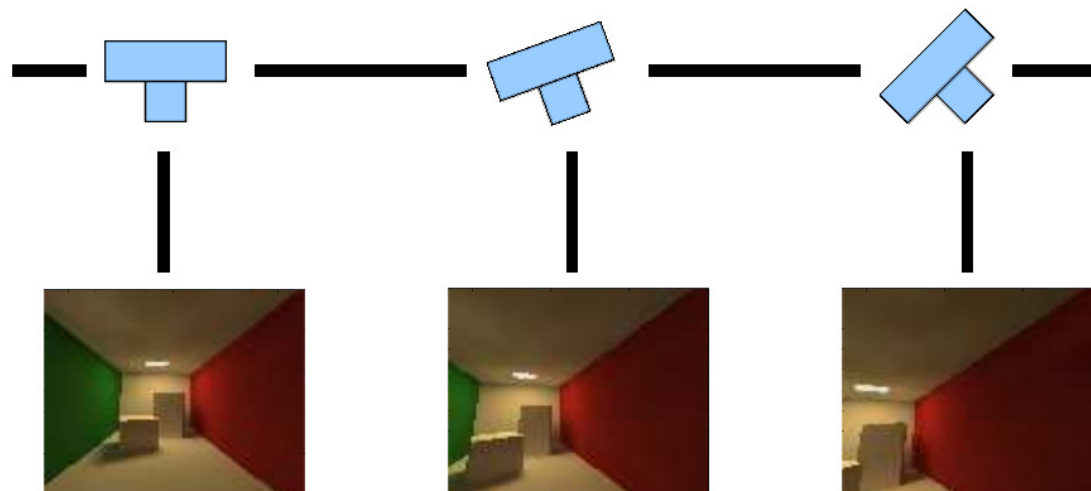
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Kernel Bayes' law: consistency result

- How to compute posterior expectation **from data**?
- Given samples: $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ from \mathbf{P}_{xy} , $\{(u_j)\}_{j=1}^n$ from prior π .
- Want to compute $\mathbf{E}[g(Y)|X = x]$ for g in \mathcal{G}
- For any $x \in \mathcal{X}$,

$$|\mathbf{g}_y^T R_{Y|X} \mathbf{k}_X(x) - \mathbf{E}[g(Y)|X = x]| = O_p(n^{-\frac{4}{27}}), \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

where

- $\mathbf{g}_y = (g(y_1), \dots, g(y_n))^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- $\mathbf{k}_X(x) = (k(x_1, x), \dots, k(x_n, x))^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $R_{Y|X}$ learned from the samples, contains the u_j

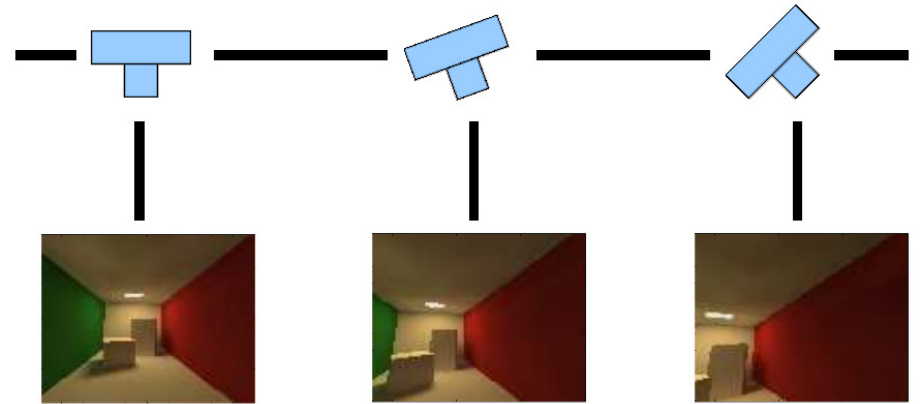
Smoothness assumptions:

- $\pi/p_Y \in \mathcal{R}(C_{YY}^{1/2})$, where p_Y p.d.f. of \mathbf{P}_Y ,
- $E[g(Y)|X = \cdot] \in \mathcal{R}(C_{\mathbf{Q}(xx)}^2)$.

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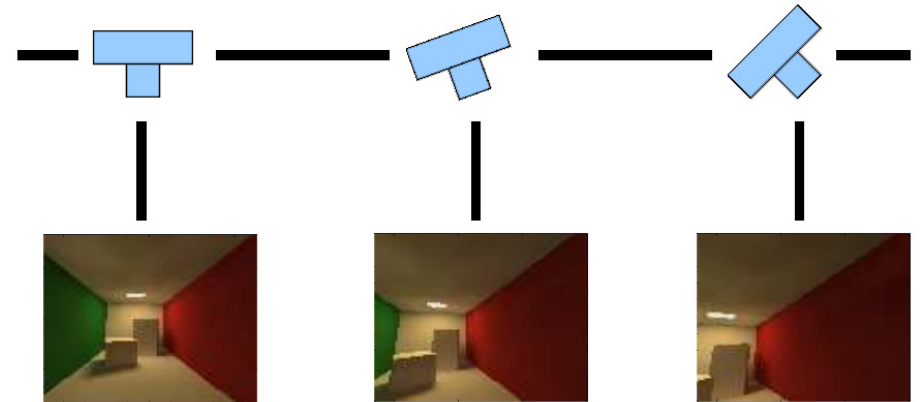
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$\sigma^2 = 10^{-3}$	0.222 ± 0.009	0.210 ± 0.008	1.935 ± 0.064	0.541 ± 0.022

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Why this is useful:

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Proof: [Fukumizu et al., 2004]

For all $f \in \mathcal{F}$, by definition of C_{XX} ,

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