# Optimal Designs for Gaussian Process Models via Spectral Decomposition

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# The Gaussian Process Model

♦ Suppose that we observe  $\boldsymbol{y} = [\boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_1), \dots, \boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_n)]^T$ , where

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})^{\mathsf{T}}\beta + Z(\mathbf{x})$$
.

- ♦ Here  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is a vector of regression functions evaluated at  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $Z(\mathbf{x})$  is a zero mean stationary Gaussian process with marginal variance  $\sigma^2$  and correlation function  $R(\cdot; \theta)$ .
- An extremely popular modeling approach in spatial statistics, geostatistics, computer experiments and more.
- ◊ Sometimes measurement error (i.e. *a nugget term*) is added.



# The Gaussian Process Model (cont.)

#### Notations:

$$\boldsymbol{R}_{ij} = \boldsymbol{R}(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j) \text{ - the correlation matrix at the design } \mathcal{D} = \{\boldsymbol{x}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_n\}.$$
$$\boldsymbol{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_1), \dots, \boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_n) \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \text{ - the vecor of observatios at } \mathcal{D}.$$
$$\boldsymbol{r}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{R}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1), \dots, \boldsymbol{R}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_n) \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \text{ - the vector of correlations at site } \mathbf{x}.$$
$$\boldsymbol{F}_{ij} = f_j(\boldsymbol{x}_i) \text{ - the design matrix at } \mathcal{D}.$$



# The Gaussian Process Model (cont.)

**Universal Kriging** 

Assuming  $\pi(\beta) \propto 1$ 

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \mathbb{E}\left\{\boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{x}) \middle| \boldsymbol{y} \right\} = \boldsymbol{f}^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \,\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \boldsymbol{r}^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \,\boldsymbol{R}^{-1}\left(\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{F}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\right) \quad , \tag{1}$$

is the minimizer of the mean squared prediction error (MSPE), which will then be

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left\{\widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}(\boldsymbol{x}) - \boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{x})\right\}^{2} \middle| \boldsymbol{y} \right] = \operatorname{var}\left\{\boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{x}) \middle| \boldsymbol{y} \right\}$$
$$= \sigma^{2} \left\{ 1 - \left[\boldsymbol{f}^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{x}), \boldsymbol{r}^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{x})\right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{F}^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \boldsymbol{F} & \boldsymbol{R} \end{array} \right]^{-1} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{x}) \end{array} \right] \right\} \quad .$$

If the assumption of Gaussianity is dropped, (1) would still be the BLUP for y (x).

# Spectral Decomposition of a GP

#### Mercer's Theorem

If  $\mathcal{X}$  is compact and R (the covariance function of a GP) is continuous in  $\mathcal{X}^2$ ,

then 
$$R(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \varphi_i(\mathbf{y})$$
,

where the  $\varphi_i$ 's and the  $\lambda_i$ 's are the solutions of the homogeneuos Fredholm integral equation of the second kind

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} R(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}) \varphi_i(\boldsymbol{y}) \mathrm{d} \boldsymbol{y} = \lambda_i \varphi_i(\boldsymbol{x})$$

and

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi_i(\boldsymbol{x}) \varphi_j(\boldsymbol{x}) \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x} = \delta_{ij} \quad .$$

# Spectral Decomposition of a GP (cont.)

#### The Karhunen-Loève Decomposition

Under the aforementioned conditions

$$Z(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{x})$$
 (in the MSE sense),

where the  $\alpha_i$ 's are independent  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \lambda_i)$  random variables.

- The best approximation (in the MSE sense) of *Z*(*x*) is the truncated series in which the eigenvalues are arranged in decreasing order.
- For piecewise analytic *R*(*x*, *y*), λ<sub>k</sub> ≤ c<sub>1</sub> exp (-c<sub>2</sub>k<sup>1/d</sup>) for some constants c<sub>1</sub> and c<sub>2</sub> (Frauenfelder *et al.* 2005).
- Numerical solutions involve Galerkin-type methods.

# A Worked Example

$$R(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \exp \left\{ - (x_1 - w_1)^2 - 2 (x_2 - w_2)^2 \right\} ,$$



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# A Worked Example (cont.)



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A single realization based on the first 17 K-L terms ( $\approx$  99.5% of the process' energy)





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# Minimum IMSPE Designs

#### Integrated Mean Squared Prediction Error

Sacks *et al.* (1989b) suggested a suitable design for computer experiments should minimize

$$\frac{\mathcal{J}\left(\mathcal{D},\widehat{y}\right)}{\sigma^{2}} = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}\left[\left\{\widehat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}) - y(\boldsymbol{x})\right\}^{2} \middle| \boldsymbol{y} \right] d\boldsymbol{x}$$
$$= \operatorname{vol}\left(\mathcal{X}\right) - \operatorname{tr}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \boldsymbol{F}^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \boldsymbol{F} & \boldsymbol{R} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}) \boldsymbol{f}^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{x}) & \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}) \boldsymbol{r}^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{x}) \boldsymbol{f}^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{x}) & \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{x}) \boldsymbol{r}^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \end{bmatrix} d\boldsymbol{x} \right\}$$

where  $vol(\mathcal{X})$  is the volume of  $\mathcal{X}$ .



# Application of the K-L Decomposition

Consider the standard Gaussian process

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})^{\mathsf{T}}\beta + Z(\mathbf{x})$$
,

where  $\beta$  is (for now) a known vector.

• The Kriging predictor would now be  $\hat{y}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})^{\mathsf{T}} \beta + \mathbf{r}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{F}\beta)$ .

#### Proposition

For any compact X and continuous covariance kernel R,

$$\frac{\mathcal{J}\left(\mathcal{D},\widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}\right)}{\sigma^{2}} = \operatorname{vol}(\mathcal{X}) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{k}^{2} \phi_{k}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{R}^{-1} \phi_{k} \quad ,$$
(2)

where  $\phi_p = [\varphi_p(\boldsymbol{x}_1), \dots, \varphi_p(\boldsymbol{x}_n)]^T$ .

# Application of the K-L Decomposition (cont.)

#### Theorem

1. For any design  $D = \{x_1, ..., x_n\},\$ 

$$\mathcal{J}\left(\mathcal{D},\widehat{\mathbf{y}}\right) \geq \sigma_{Z}^{2}\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty}\lambda_{k}$$

(3)

2. The lower bound (3) will be achieved if  $\mathcal{D}$  satisfies

$$\lambda_k \phi_k^\mathsf{T} \boldsymbol{R}^{-1} \phi_k = \begin{cases} 1 & k \le n \\ 0 & k > n \end{cases}$$

If such an ideal D exists, the prediction ŷ (x) at any x ∈ X would be identical to the prediction based on the finite dimensional Bayesian linear regression model y (x) = α<sub>1</sub>φ<sub>1</sub> (x) + ··· + α<sub>n</sub>φ<sub>n</sub> (x) where α<sub>j</sub> ~ N (0, λ<sub>j</sub>) are independent.

# Application of the K-L Decomposition (cont.)

- By definition, IMSPE-optimal designs are prediction-oriented. What the Theorem tells us is that in some sense, they are also useful for variable selection (w.r.t the K-L basis functions).
- In reality, such ideal designs do not exist but IMSPE-optimal designs get pretty close:





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# Approximate Minimum IMSPE Designs

# Approximate IMSPE

$$\frac{\widetilde{\mathcal{J}}_{M}\left(\mathcal{D},\widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}\right)}{\sigma^{2}} = \operatorname{vol}(\mathcal{X}) - \sum_{k=1}^{M} \lambda_{k}^{2} \phi_{k}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{R}^{-1} \phi_{k} = \operatorname{vol}(\mathcal{X}) - \operatorname{tr}\left\{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{2} \boldsymbol{\varPhi}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{R}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varPhi}\right\} ,$$

#### where

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \operatorname{diag}\left(\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_M\right)$$
 and  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{ij} = \varphi_j\left(\boldsymbol{x}_i\right)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq M$ .

# Approximate Minimum IMSPE Designs

$$\mathcal{D}^{*} = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{X}} \widetilde{\mathcal{J}}_{_{\mathcal{M}}} \left( \mathcal{D}, \widehat{\mathbf{y}} \right) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{X}} \mathrm{tr} \left\{ \Lambda^{2} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{R}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Phi} \right\}$$

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# A Worked Example (cont.)

Size 7, 15 and 25 approximate Minimum IMSPE designs for

$$R(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \exp\left\{-(x_1 - w_1)^2 - 2(x_2 - w_2)^2\right\}$$



# Controlling the Relative Truncation Error

#### Proposition

Under some conditions (which are easily met),

$$r_{M} = \frac{\sum_{k=M+1}^{\infty} \lambda_{k}^{2} \phi_{k}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{R}^{-1} \phi_{k}}{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{j}^{2} \phi_{j}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{R}^{-1} \phi_{j}} \leq \frac{\sum_{k=M+1}^{\infty} \lambda_{k}}{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{j}} .$$

 By conserving enough of the process' energy, we are guaranteed to have a design as close to optimal as we wish.

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# Controlling the Relative Truncation Error (cont.)

Relative truncation error vs. sample size for  $M = 17 \iff 0.492\%$  energy loss):



#### **Relative Truncation Error vs. Sample Size**

# **Adaptive Designs**

- Suppose now that we have the opportunity (or we are forced) to run a multi-stage experiment: n<sub>1</sub> runs at stage 1, n<sub>2</sub> runs at stage 2 and so on.
- We can use that to learn/re-estimate the essential parameters and plug-in the new estimates, to hopefully improve the design from one stage to another.
- Such designs are called "adaptive" or "batch-sequential" designs.



# Adaptive Designs (cont.)

Denote

$$\boldsymbol{R}_{aug} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \boldsymbol{R}_{n_2 \times n_2}^{new} & \boldsymbol{R}_{n_2 \times n_1}^{cross} \\ \hline \boldsymbol{R}_{n_1 \times n_2}^{\top cross} & \boldsymbol{R}_{n_1 \times n_1}^{old} \\ \end{array} \right],$$

where  $\mathbf{R}_{aug}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}^{new}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}^{old}$  and  $\mathbf{R}^{cross}$  are the augmented correlation matrix, the matrix of correlations within the new inputs, the matrix of correlations within the original design and the cross correlation matrix, and

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\text{aug}} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{n_2 \times M}^{\text{new}} \\ \hline \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{n_1 \times M}^{\text{old}} \end{array} \right]$$

• Parameters may be re-estimated in between batches.



# Adaptive Designs (cont.)

Using basic block matrix properties, we look to maximize

$$\operatorname{tr} \left\{ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{2} \boldsymbol{\varPhi}_{\mathsf{aug}}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathsf{aug}}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varPhi}_{\mathsf{aug}}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varPhi}_{\mathsf{aug}}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varPhi}_{\mathsf{aug}}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varrho}_{\mathsf{aug}}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varrho}_{$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{Q}_1 = \boldsymbol{R}_{new} - \boldsymbol{R}_{cross}^T \boldsymbol{R}_{old}^{-1} \boldsymbol{R}_{cross}$$
 and  $\boldsymbol{Q}_2 = \boldsymbol{R}_{old} - \boldsymbol{R}_{cross} \boldsymbol{R}_{new}^{-1} \boldsymbol{R}_{cross}^T$ ,

and  $\boldsymbol{R}_{old}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{old}$  remain unchanged.



Adaptive Designs

# Adaptive Designs (cont.)

Adding 7 New Runs to an Existing 8 Run Design ( $\lambda = 0.1$ ):







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# Adaptive Designs (cont.)

Adding 7 New Runs to an Existing 8 Run Design ( $\lambda = 0.1$ ):



Size 8+7 design, IMSPE=0.77494



# Approximate IMSPE Criterion for the Universal Kriging Model

Expanding the covariance kernel, using Mercer's Theorem, and truncating after the first *M* terms yields

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{M}\left(\mathcal{D},\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}\right) = \widetilde{\mathcal{J}}_{M}\left(\mathcal{D},\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}\right) + \operatorname{tr}\left\{\left(\boldsymbol{F}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{R}^{-1}\boldsymbol{F}\right)^{-1}\left[\int_{\mathcal{X}}\boldsymbol{f}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\boldsymbol{f}^{\mathsf{T}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x} - 2\boldsymbol{A}^{\mathsf{T}}\int_{\mathcal{X}}\boldsymbol{\phi}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\boldsymbol{f}^{\mathsf{T}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{A}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{A}\right]\right\}$$

$$(4)$$

where  $\widetilde{\mathcal{J}}_{M}$  is the criterion previously derived for the simple Kriging model,  $\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{R}^{-1} \mathbf{F}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\phi}(\boldsymbol{x}) = [\varphi_{1}(\boldsymbol{x}), \dots, \varphi_{M}(\boldsymbol{x})]^{\mathsf{T}}$ .



# Approximate IMSPE Criterion for the Universal Kriging Model

Expression (4) is somewhat simplified by substituting f(x) = 1 and  $F = 1_n$  to

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{M}\left(\mathcal{D},\widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}\right) = \widetilde{\mathcal{J}}_{M}\left(\mathcal{D},\widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}\right) + \frac{1}{\mathbf{1}_{n}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{R}^{-1}\mathbf{1}_{n}}\left\{\operatorname{vol}\left(\mathcal{X}\right) - 2\boldsymbol{a}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{\gamma} + \boldsymbol{a}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{a}\right\} ,$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{a} = \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{R}^{-1} \mathbf{1}_{n} \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\gamma} = \left[ \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi_{1}(\boldsymbol{x}) \mathrm{d} \boldsymbol{x}, \ldots, \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi_{M}(\boldsymbol{x}) \mathrm{d} \boldsymbol{x} \right]^{\mathsf{T}}$$

- The vector of integrals  $\gamma$  only needs to be evaluated once.
- Almost identical designs to those obtained for the simple Kriging model, for a reasonably large *n*.

# With and Without Estimating the Intercept





# With and Without Estimating the Intercept (cont.)



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# **Bayesian A-optimal Designs**

- In classical DOE, a design is called A-optimal if it minimizes tr  $\{ var(\hat{\theta}) \}$ , where  $\hat{\theta}$  is the vector of estimators for the model parameters.
- For our model

$$\boldsymbol{y}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) = \boldsymbol{f}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{Z}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) = \boldsymbol{f}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{k}\varphi_{k}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) \quad , \quad \alpha_{k} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{0},\lambda_{i}) \quad ,$$

we may consider the Bayesian A-optimality criterion

$$\mathcal{Q}\left(\mathcal{D},\widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{var}\left\{\alpha_{k} \middle| \boldsymbol{y}\right\} \quad .$$

• When  $\beta$  is a known vector, the IMSPE and the A-optimality criteria coincide.

Other Optimality Criteria

# **Bayesian A-optimal Designs (cont.)**

# Proposition If $\pi(\beta) \propto 1$ , $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{D}, \widehat{\mathbf{y}}) = \operatorname{vol}(\mathcal{X}) - \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{F}^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \mathbf{F} & \mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{r}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x} \right\}$ .

(and hence we don't even need to derive the Mercer expansion)





# **Bayesian D-optimal Designs**

- In classical DOE, a design is called D-optimal if it minimizes the determinant of  $var(\hat{\theta})$  (typically the inverse Fisher information).
- In our framework, an approximate Bayesian D-optimal design would be

$$\mathcal{D}^* = \underset{\mathcal{D}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \det \left( \operatorname{var} \left\{ \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_M \middle| \boldsymbol{y} \right\} \right)$$

Where

$$\operatorname{var}\left\{\alpha_{1},\ldots,\alpha_{M}\middle| \boldsymbol{y}\right\} = \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathsf{T}}\left[\boldsymbol{R}^{-1} - \boldsymbol{R}^{-1}\boldsymbol{F}\left(\boldsymbol{F}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{R}^{-1}\boldsymbol{F}\right)^{-1}\boldsymbol{F}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{R}^{-1}\right]\boldsymbol{\Phi}\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \quad .$$



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# Few comments before we go

- If *Z*(*x*) is a zero mean non-Gaussian, weakly-stationary process with the same correlation structure
  - the Kriging predictor will no longer be the posterior mean, but will still be the BLUP.
  - The MSPE will no longer be the posterior variance, but all the results still hold.
- Inclusion of measurement error (i.e. Nugget Term)

$$\boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x})^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{Z}(\boldsymbol{x}) + \varepsilon(\boldsymbol{x}) \quad , \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{0}, \tau^{2}\boldsymbol{I}) \quad , \quad \lambda = \tau^{2}/\sigma^{2}$$

will simply result in replacing *R* with *R* $+ \lambda$ *I* everywhere, but the theory will cease to apply.

- Great computational benefits for small values of  $\lambda$ .

# Thank you!



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