Modeling framework $y(x_i) = \eta(x_i, \theta) + \epsilon_i$





An Example



An Example - with discrepancy



Inference from observations



Physical observations



Surface temperature, winter (DJF)





data





 y_i are iid U[H-1, H+1] y_i are iid N(H, sd = .3)

different models for how data are generated given truth





BRIEF INTRO TO BAYESIAN SOLUTIONS FOR INVERSE PROBLEMS

Bayesian analysis of an inverse problem



• A simple example...

x experimental conditions

 θ model calibration parameters

 $\zeta(x)$ true physical system response given inputs x

- $\eta(x,\theta)$ forward simulator response at x and θ .
- y(x) experimental observation of the physical system
- e(x) observation error of the experimental data

 $y(x) = \zeta(x) + e(x)$ = $\eta(x, \theta) + e(x)$

Assume:

 $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ unknown.

Data for the toy inverse problem



n = 5 physical observations

variable	data								
i	1	2	3	4	5				
x	0.05	0.25	0.52	0.65	0.91				
y	2.2731	0.7371	0.1138	-0.2254	-0.6807				



- $L(y|\theta)$ is the probability model for the data y given θ
- \bullet tells us which values of θ are likely given the observed data y
- \bullet can combine with the prior $\pi(\theta)$ to describe posterior uncertainty for θ

Bayes' Rule



 $\pi(\theta|y) \propto L(y|\theta) \times \pi(\theta)$

- \bullet pointwise multiplication over the support of θ
- very general approach for inference
- \bullet prior pdf for θ is required
- \bullet normalizing $\pi(\theta|y)$ is generally difficult, but rarely necessary
- high dimensional θ can lead to computational challenges

Bayes' Rule (independent components)



• With independent data, the likelihood is a product of independent components:

$$L(y|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} L(y_i|\theta)$$

=
$$\prod_{i=1}^{n} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_y(y_i - \eta(x_i, \theta))^2\right\}$$

(here we fix $\lambda_y = 4$).

- A central limit theorem:
 0. y_i ~ L(y_i|θ), i = 1,...,n, independent
 1. regularity on L(y_i|θ)'s
 - 2. prior support for $\pi(\theta)$ covers true θ

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\theta|y) \to \mathsf{dnorm}(\theta,\lambda_n^{-1}) \\ \text{where } \lambda_n = \tfrac{d^2}{d\theta^2}\log\pi(\theta|y) \end{aligned}$$

Exploring the posterior distribution







- \bullet Use Markov chain Monte Carlo to build a Markov chain with stationary distribution $\pi(\theta|y)$
- \bullet Realizations are a (correlated) sample from $\pi(\theta|y)$
- $\bullet \ \pi(\theta|y)$ need not be normalized

Metropolis recipe for MCMC



Initialize chain at θ^0

1. Given current realization θ^t , generate θ^* from a symmetric kernel $q(\theta^t \to \theta^*)$

i.e.
$$q(\theta^t \to \theta^*) = q(\theta^* \to \theta^t)$$

- 2. Compute acceptance probability $\alpha = \min\left\{1, \frac{\pi(\theta^*|y)}{\pi(\theta^t|y)}\right\}$
- 3. Set $\theta^{t+1} = \theta^*$ with probability α , otherwise $\theta^{t+1} = \theta^t$
- 4. Iterate steps 1 3



Metropolis sampling for the inverse problem

Sampling from non-standard multivariate distributions





Nick Metropolis – Computing pioneer at Los Alamos National Laboratory

- inventor of the Monte Carlo method
- inventor of Markov chain Monte Carlo:

Equation of State Calculations by Fast Computing Machines (1953) by N. Metropolis, A. Rosenbluth, M. Rosenbluth, A. Teller and E. Teller, *Journal of Chemical Physics*.

Originally implemented on the MANIAC1 computer at LANL

Algorithm constructs a Markov chain whose realizations are draws from the target (posterior) distribution.

Constructs steps that maintain detailed balance.

Gibbs Sampling and Metropolis for a bivariate normal density

$$\pi(z_1, z_2) \propto \left| \begin{array}{cc} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{array} \right|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & z_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

sampling from the full conditionals

$$z_1|z_2 \sim N(\rho z_2, 1-\rho^2)$$

 $z_2|z_1 \sim N(\rho z_1, 1-\rho^2)$

also called heat bath

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Metropolis updating:} \\ \text{generate } z_1^* \sim U[z_1 - r, z_1 + r] \\ \text{calculate } \alpha = \min\{1, \frac{\pi(z_1^*, z_2)}{\pi(z_1, z_2)} = \frac{\pi(z_1^* | z_2)}{\pi(z_1 | z_2)}\} \\ \text{set } z_1^{\text{new}} = \begin{cases} z_1^* \text{ with probability } \alpha \\ z_1 \text{ with probability } 1 - \alpha \end{cases}$



GAUSSIAN PROCESSES 1

Gaussian process models for spatial phenomena



An example of z(s) of a Gaussian process model on s_1, \ldots, s_n

$$z = \begin{pmatrix} z(s_1) \\ \vdots \\ z(s_n) \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} & \Sigma & \\ & \end{pmatrix} \right), \text{ with } \Sigma_{ij} = \exp\{-||s_i - s_j||^2\},$$

where $||s_i - s_j||$ denotes the distance between locations s_i and s_j .

z has density $\pi(z) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} |\Sigma|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}z^T \Sigma^{-1}z\}.$

Realizations from $\pi(z) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} |\Sigma|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}z^T \Sigma^{-1}z\}$



model for z(s) can be extended to continuous s

Generating multivariate normal realizations

Independent normals are standard for any computer package

$$u \sim N(0, I_n)$$

Well known property of normals:

if
$$u \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$$
, then $z = Ku \sim N(K\mu, K\Sigma K^T)$

Use this to construct correlated realizations from iid ones.

Want $z \sim N(0, \Sigma)$

- 1. compute square root matrix L such that $LL^T = \Sigma$;
- 2. generate $u \sim N(0, I_n)$;
- 3. Set $z = Lu \sim N(0, LI_nL^T = \Sigma)$
- Any square root matrix L will do here.
- Columns of L are basis functions for representing realizations z.
- L need not be square see over or under specified bases.

Standard Cholesky decomposition

 $z = N(0, \Sigma), \ \Sigma = LL^T, \ z = Lu$ where $u \sim N(0, I_n), \ L$ lower triangular $\Sigma_{ij} = \exp\{-||s_i - s_j||^2\}, \ s_1, \dots, s_{20}$ equally spaced between 0 and 10 : columns



Cholesky decomposition with pivoting

 $z = N(0, \Sigma), \ \Sigma = LL^T, \ z = Lu$ where $u \sim N(0, I_n), \ L$ permuted lower triangular $\Sigma_{ij} = \exp\{-||s_i - s_j||^2\}, \ s_1, \dots, s_{20}$ equally spaced between 0 and 10 :



Singular value decomposition

 $z = N(0, \Sigma), \ \Sigma = U\Lambda U^T = LL^T, \ z = Lu \text{ where } u \sim N(0, I_n)$ $\Sigma_{ij} = \exp\{-||s_i - s_j||^2\}, \ s_1, \dots, s_{20} \text{ equally spaced between 0 and 10}:$



Gaussian Process Models



Conditioning on some observations of z(s)



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Conditioning on some observations of z(s)





Soft Conditioning (Bayes Rule)



Observed data \boldsymbol{y} are a noisy version of \boldsymbol{z}

 $y(s_i) = z(s_i) + \epsilon(s_i)$ with $\epsilon(s_k) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_y^2), \ k = 1, \dots, n$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Data} & \text{spatial process prior for } z(s) \\ y & \Sigma_y = \sigma_y^2 I_n & \mu_z & \Sigma_z \\ \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_y^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_y^2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_z \\ \Sigma_z \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

 $L(y|z) \propto |\Sigma_y|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}(y-z)^T \Sigma_y^{-1}(y-z)\} \quad \pi(z) \propto |\Sigma_z|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}z^T \Sigma_z^{-1}z\}$

Soft Conditioning (Bayes Rule) ... continued



 $\pi(z|y)$ describes the updated uncertainty about z given the observations.

Updated predictions for unobserved z(s)'s



Now the posterior distribution for $z = (z^d, z^*)$ is $z|y \sim N(V\Sigma_y^- y, V)$, where $V = (\Sigma_y^- + \Sigma_z^{-1})^{-1}$

Updated predictions for unobserved z(s)'s,

Alternative: use the conditional normal rules:



data locations $y = (y(s_1), \dots, y(s_n))^T = (z(s_1) + \epsilon(s_1), \dots, z(s_n) + \epsilon(s_n))^T$ prediction locations $z^* = (z(s_1^*), \dots, z(s_m^*))^T$

Jointly
$$\begin{pmatrix} y \\ z^* \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_y^2 I_n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \Sigma_z \right)$$

where

$$\Sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_z(s,s) & \Sigma_z(s,s^*) \\ \Sigma_z(s^*,s) & \Sigma_z(s^*,s^*) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{cov rule applied} \\ \text{to } (s,s^*) \end{pmatrix}_{(n+m)\times(n+m)}$$

Therefore $z^*|y \sim N(\mu^*, \Sigma^*)$ where

$$\mu^* = \Sigma_z(s^*, s) [\sigma_y^2 I_n + \Sigma_z(s, s)]^{-1} y$$

$$\Sigma^* = \Sigma_z(s^*, s^*) - \Sigma_z(s^*, s) [\sigma_z^2 I_n + \Sigma_z(s, s)]^{-1} \Sigma_z(s, s^*)$$

Example: Dioxin concentration at Piazza Road Superfund Site



data

Posterior mean of z^*

pointwise posterior sd

GAUSSIAN PROCESSES 2

Gaussian process models revisited

Application: finding in a rod of material



Gaussian process models formulation

Take response y to be acceleration and spatial value s to be frequency.



data: $y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n)^T$ at spatial locations s_1, \ldots, s_n .

 $\boldsymbol{z}(\boldsymbol{s})$ is a mean 0 Gaussian process with covariance function

$$\mathsf{Cov}(z(s), z(s')) = \frac{1}{\lambda_z} \exp\{-\beta(s - s')^2\}$$

 β controls strength of dependence.

Take $z = (z(s_1), \ldots, z(s_n))^T$ to be z(s) restricted to the data observations.

Model the data as:

$$y = z + \epsilon$$
, where $\epsilon \sim N(0, \frac{1}{\lambda_y}I_n)$

We want to find the posterior distribution for the frequency s^{\star} where z(s) is maximal.

Reparameterizing the spatial dependence parameter β It is convenient to reparameterize β as:

$$\rho = \exp\{-\beta(1/2)^2\} \iff \beta = -4\log(\rho)$$

So ρ is the correlation between two points on z(s) separated by $\frac{1}{2}$.

Hence z has spatial prior

$$z|\rho, \lambda_z \sim N(0, \frac{1}{\lambda_z} R(\rho; s))$$

where $R(\rho; s)$ is the correlation matrix with ij elements

$$R_{ij} = \rho^{4(s_i - s_j)^2}$$

Prior specification for z(s) is completed by specfying priors for λ_z and ρ .

 $\begin{aligned} \pi(\lambda_z) \propto \lambda_z^{a_z-1} \exp\{-b_z \lambda_z\} & \text{if } y \text{ is standardized, encourage } \lambda_z \text{ to be close to } 1 - \\ & \text{eg.} a_z = b_z = 5. \end{aligned}$

 $\pi(\rho)\,\propto\,(1-\rho)^{-.5}~$ encourages ρ to be large if possible

Bayesian model formulation

Likelihood

$$L(y|z, \lambda_y) \propto \lambda_y^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_y(y-z)^T(y-z)\}$$

Priors

$$\pi(z|\lambda_z,\rho) \propto \lambda_z^{\frac{n}{2}} |R(\rho;s)|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_z z^T R(\rho;s)^{-1}z\}$$

$$\pi(\lambda_y) \propto \lambda_y^{a_y-1} e^{-b_y\lambda_y}, \text{ uninformative here } -a_y = 1, b_y = .005$$

$$\pi(\lambda_z) \propto \lambda_z^{a_z-1} e^{-b_z\lambda_z}, \text{ fairly informative } -a_z = 5, b_z = 5$$

$$\pi(\rho) \propto (1-\rho)^{-.5}$$

Marginal likelihood (integrating out z) $L(y|\lambda_{\epsilon}, \lambda_z, \rho) \propto |\Lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}y^T \Lambda y\}$ where $\Lambda^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda_y}I_n + \frac{1}{\lambda_z}R(\rho; s)$

Posterior

$$\pi(\lambda_y, \lambda_z, \rho|y) \propto |\Lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}y^T \Lambda y\} \times \lambda_y^{a_y - 1} e^{-b_y \lambda_y} \times \lambda_z^{a_z - 1} e^{-b_z \lambda_z} \times (1 - \rho)^{-.5}$$

Posterior Simulation

Use Metropolis to simulate from the posterior

 $\pi(\lambda_y, \lambda_z, \rho | y) \propto |\Lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}y^T \Lambda y\} \times \lambda_y^{a_y - 1} e^{-b_y \lambda_y} \times \lambda_z^{a_z - 1} e^{-b_z \lambda_z} \times (1 - \rho)^{-.5}$ giving (after burn-in) $(\lambda_y, \lambda_z, \rho)^1, \dots, (\lambda_y, \lambda_z, \rho)^T$

For any given realization $(\lambda_y, \lambda_z, \rho)^t$, one can generate $z^* = (z(s_1^*), \ldots, z(s_m^*))^T$ for any set of prediction locations s_1^*, \ldots, s_m^* .

From previous GP stuff, we know

$$\begin{pmatrix} z \\ z^* \end{pmatrix} | \dots \sim N\left(V\Sigma_y^-\begin{pmatrix} y \\ 0_m \end{pmatrix}, V\right)$$

where

$$\Sigma_y^- = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_\epsilon I_n & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } V^{-1} = \Sigma_y^- + \lambda_z R(\rho, (s, s^*))^{-1}$$

Hence, one can generate corresponding z^* 's for each posterior realization at a fine grid around the apparent resonance frequency z^* .

Or use conditional normal formula with

$$\begin{pmatrix} y \\ z^* \end{pmatrix} | \dots \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0_n \\ 0_m \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{\epsilon}^{-1}I_n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_z^{-1}R(\rho, (s, s^*)) \right)$$

where

$$R(\rho, (s, s^*)) = \begin{pmatrix} R(\rho, (s, s)) & R(\rho, (s, s^*)) \\ R(\rho, (s^*, s)) & R(\rho, (s^*, s^*)) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{cor rule applied} \\ \text{to} (s, s^*) \end{pmatrix}_{(n+m) \times (n+m)}$$

Therefore $z^*|y \sim N(\mu^*, \Sigma^*)$ where

$$\mu^* = \lambda_z^{-1} R(\rho, (s^*, s)) [\lambda_{\epsilon}^{-1} I_n + \lambda_z^{-1} R(\rho, (s, s))]^{-1} y$$

$$\Sigma^* = \lambda_z^{-1} R(\rho, (s^*, s^*)) - \lambda_z^{-1} R(\rho, (s^*, s)) [\lambda_{\epsilon}^{-1} I_n + \lambda_z^{-1} R(\rho, (s, s))]^{-1} \lambda_z^{-1} R(\rho, (s, s^*))$$





Posterior for resonance frequency z^{\star}



Gaussian Processes for modeling complex computer simulators

data input settings (spatial locations) $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$ $S = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_{11} & s_{12} & \cdots & s_{1p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ s_{n1} & s_{n2} & \cdots & s_{np} \end{pmatrix}$

Model responses y as a (stochastic) function of s

 $y(s) = z(s) + \epsilon(s)$

Vector form – restricting to the n data points

 $y = z + \epsilon$

Model response as a Gaussian processes

 $y(s) = z(s) + \epsilon$

Likelihood

$$L(y|z,\lambda_{\epsilon}) \propto \lambda_{\epsilon}^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{\epsilon}(y-z)^{T}(y-z)\}$$

Priors

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(z|\lambda_z,\beta) &\propto \lambda_z^{\frac{n}{2}} |R(\beta)|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_z z^T R(\beta)^{-1} z\} \\ \pi(\lambda_\epsilon) &\propto \lambda_\epsilon^{a_\epsilon - 1} e^{-b_\epsilon \lambda_\epsilon}, \text{ perhaps quite informative} \\ \pi(\lambda_z) &\propto \lambda_z^{a_z - 1} e^{-b_z \lambda_z}, \text{ fairly informative if data have been standardized} \\ \pi(\rho) &\propto \prod_{k=1}^p (1 - \rho_k)^{-.5} \end{aligned}$$

Marginal likelihood (integrating out z) $L(y|\lambda_{\epsilon}, \lambda_{z}, \beta) \propto |\Lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}y^{T}\Lambda y\}$ where $\Lambda^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}I + \frac{1}{2}R(\beta)$

where $\Lambda^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\epsilon}} I_n + \frac{1}{\lambda_z} R(\beta)$

GASP Covariance model for z(s)

$$\mathsf{Cov}(z(s_i), z(s_j)) = \frac{1}{\lambda_z} R(\beta) = \frac{1}{\lambda_z} \prod_{k=1}^p \exp\{-\beta_k (s_{ik} - s_{jk})^{\alpha}\}$$

- Typically $\alpha = 2 \Rightarrow z(s)$ is smooth.
- Separable covariance a product of componentwise covariances.
- Can handle large number of covariates/inputs p.
- Can allow for multiway interactions.
- $\beta_k = 0 \Rightarrow$ input k is "inactive" \Rightarrow variable selection
- reparameterize: $\rho_k = \exp\{-\beta_k d_0^{\alpha}\}$ typically d_0 is a halfwidth.

Posterior Distribution and MCMC

$$\pi(\lambda_{\epsilon}, \lambda_{z}, \rho | y) \propto |\Lambda_{\lambda,\rho}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}y^{T}\Lambda_{\lambda,\rho}y\} \times \lambda_{\epsilon}^{a_{\epsilon}-1}e^{-b_{\epsilon}\lambda_{\epsilon}} \times \lambda_{z}^{a_{z}-1}e^{-b_{z}\lambda_{z}} \times \prod_{k=1}^{p}(1-\rho_{k})^{-.5}$$

- MCMC implementation requires Metropolis updates.
- \bullet Realizations of $z(s)|\lambda,\rho,y$ can be obtained post-hoc:

- define $z^* = (z(s_1^*), \dots, z(s_m^*))^T$ to be predictions at locations s_1^*, \dots, s_m^* , then

$$\begin{pmatrix} z \\ z^* \end{pmatrix} | \dots \sim N\left(V\Sigma_y^-\begin{pmatrix} y \\ 0_m \end{pmatrix}, V\right)$$

where

$$\Sigma_y^- = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_\epsilon I_n & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } V^{-1} = \Sigma_y^- + \lambda_z R(\rho, (s, s^*))^{-1}$$

Example: Solar collector Code (Schonlau, Hamada and Welch, 1995)

- n = 98 model runs, varying 6 independent variables.
- Response is the increase in heat exchange effectiveness.
- A latin hypercube (LHC) design was used with 2-d space filling.



Example: Solar collector Code

- Fit of GASP model and predictions of 10 holdout points
- Two most active covariates are shown here.



Example: Solar collector Code

- Visualizing a 6-d response surface is difficult
- 1-d marginal effects shown here.

