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### Abstract

We introduce an additive Gaussian process framework accounting for monotonicity constraints and scalable to high dimensions. Our contributions are threefold. First, we show that our framework enables to satisfy the constraints everywhere in the input space. We also show that more general componentwise linear inequality constraints can be handled similarly, such as componentwise convexity. Second, we propose the additive MaxMod algorithm for sequential dimension reduction. By sequentially maximizing a squared-norm criterion, MaxMod identifies the active input dimensions and refines the most important ones. This criterion can be computed explicitly at a linear cost. Finally, we provide open-source codes for our full framework. We demonstrate the performance and scalability of the methodology in several synthetic examples with hundreds of dimensions under monotonicity constraints as well as on a real-world flood application.

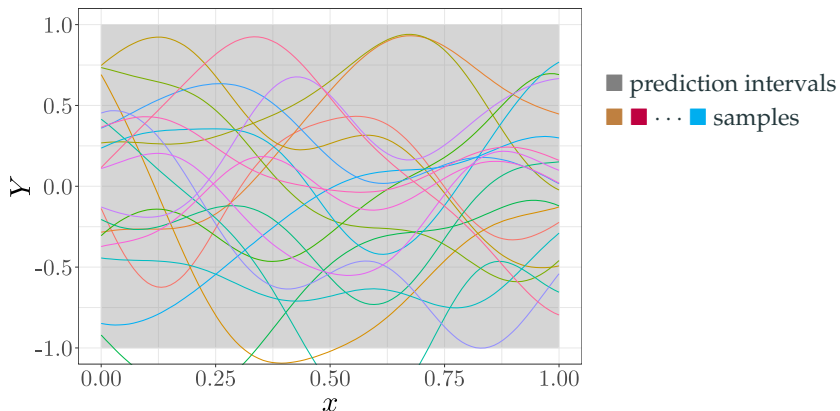
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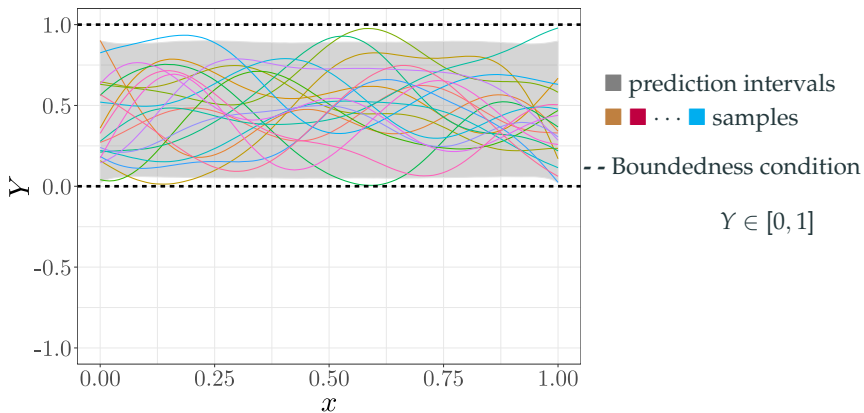
## Constrained GPs

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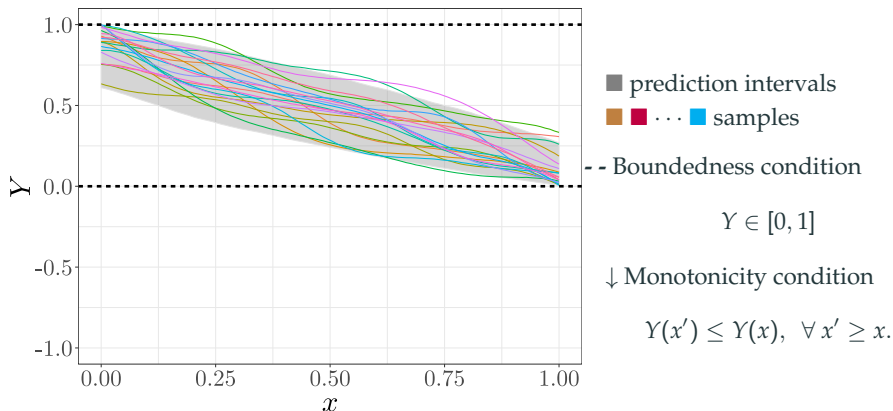
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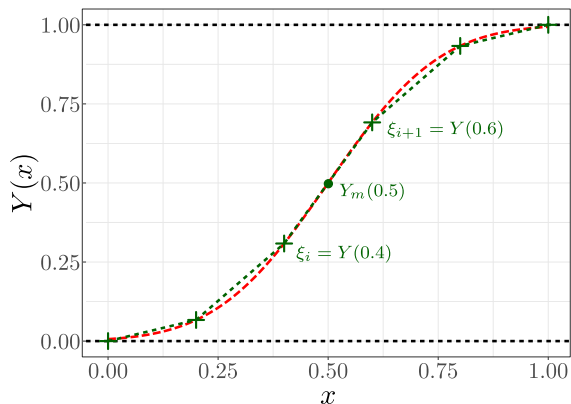
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# Finite-dimensional approximation of GPs



■ smooth function  $Y$

■ piecewise linear proxy  $Y_m$

Note that:

· If  $\xi_i, \xi_{i+1} \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$Y_m(0.5) \in [0, 1].$$

· Or if  $\xi_i < \xi_{i+1}$ , then

$$\xi_i < Y_m(0.5) < \xi_{i+1}.$$

**Pro:** imposing constraints over knots is enough [Maatouk and Bay, 2017]:

the function  $Y_m$  is  $\uparrow$  and  $\in [0, 1]$

$\Leftrightarrow$  the sequence  $\xi$  is  $\uparrow$  and  $\in [0, 1]$ .



# Finite-dimensional approximation of GPs

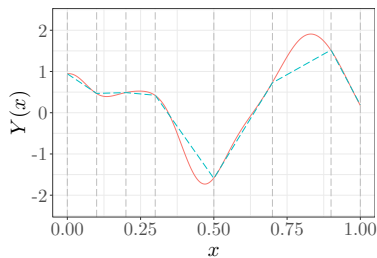
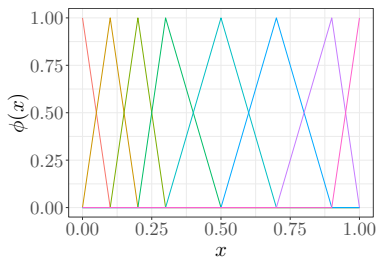
- Let  $Y_S$  be the finite-dimensional GP with an ordered set of knots:

$$S = \{t_0, \dots, t_m\}, \quad \text{with } 0 = t_0 < \dots < t_m = 1,$$

such that

$$Y_S(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m Y(t_j) \phi_j(x), \quad (1)$$

where  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $Y \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k_\theta)$ , and  $\phi_j : [0, 1] \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  are (asymmetric) hat basis functions.



Sample of ■  $Y$  ■  $Y_S$

# Finite-dimensional approximation of GPs

· Then, for regression tasks under inequality constraints, we have

$$Y_S(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_j \phi_j(x), \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} Y_S(x_i) + \varepsilon_i = y_i & \text{(regression conditions),} \\ \mathbf{l} \leq \mathbf{\Lambda} \boldsymbol{\xi} \leq \mathbf{u} & \text{(linear inequality conditions),} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $x_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and

- $\xi_j = Y_S(t_j) = Y(t_j)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , i.e.  $\boldsymbol{\xi} = [\xi_1, \dots, \xi_m]^T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\theta)$  with covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\theta = (k_\theta(t_j, t_{j'}))_{1 \leq j, j' \leq m}$
- $\varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \tau^2)$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , with noise variance  $\tau^2$
- $(\mathbf{\Lambda}, \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{u})$  define the ineq. constraints. For instance, for the case of monotonicity, we have

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -\infty \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{l}} \leq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{\Lambda}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_m \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} \leq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \infty \\ \infty \\ \vdots \\ \infty \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}}$$

· *Uncertainty quantification on  $Y_m$*  then relies on drawing samples of  $\xi$  subject to interpolation and inequality constraints, i.e. (if  $\text{rank}(\Lambda) = m$ ) simulating from a **truncated Normal** distribution [López-Lopera et al., 2018]:

$$\Lambda\xi | \{\Phi\xi + \varepsilon = \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{l} \leq \Lambda\xi \leq \mathbf{u}\} \sim \mathcal{TN}(\Lambda\boldsymbol{\mu}_c, \Lambda\Sigma_c\Lambda^\top, \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{u}), \quad (3)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_c, \Sigma_c$  are the parameters of the (Normal) distribution of  $\xi | \{\Phi\xi + \varepsilon\}$ :

$$\mathbf{K} = \Phi\Sigma\Phi^\top + \tau^2\mathbf{I}, \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_c = \Sigma\Phi^\top\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{y}, \quad \Sigma_c = \Sigma - \Sigma\Phi^\top\mathbf{K}^{-1}\Phi\Sigma. \quad (4)$$

- \* Samples are obtained via *Monte Carlo* (MC) or *Markov Chain MC* (MCMC):
  - e.g. *Hamiltonian Monte Carlo* (HMC) [Pakman and Paninski, 2014]

# The maximum a posteriori (mode) function in 1D

· Let  $\hat{\xi}$  be the **mode** that maximises the pdf of  $\xi | \{\Phi\xi + \varepsilon = y, l \leq \Lambda\xi \leq u\}$ :

$$\hat{\xi} = \underset{\xi \text{ s.t. } l \leq \Lambda\xi \leq u}{\text{arg max}} \{-[\xi - \mu_c]^\top \Sigma_c^{-1} [\xi - \mu_c]\}, \quad (5)$$

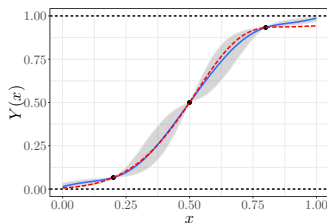
with  $\hat{\xi} = [\hat{\xi}_1, \dots, \hat{\xi}_m]^\top$ .

· The *MAP estimate* of  $Y_S$  is given by

$$\hat{Y}_S(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \hat{\xi}_j \phi_j(x). \quad (6)$$

**Pro:**

- $\hat{Y}_S$  can be used as a **point estimate**
- **Easy and fast calculations**
- **Convergence to the spline solution** as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  [Bay et al., 2016]
- Starting point for MCMC

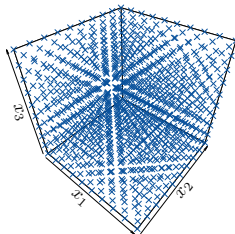
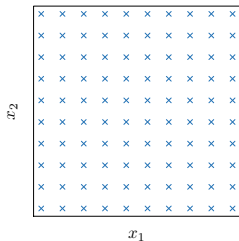


■ posterior mean ■ mode

# The maximum a posteriori (mode) function in 1D

- **Con:** the cost of  $Y_S$  increases as  $d$  increases.

$$Y_S(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_d=1}^{m_1, \dots, m_d} \left[ \prod_{p=1, \dots, d} \phi_{j_p}^{(p)}(x_p) \right] \xi_{j_1, \dots, j_d}, \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} Y_S(x_i) + \varepsilon_i = y_i, \\ \xi \in \mathcal{C}. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$



- This drawback can be mitigated by considering:
  - a *“smarter” construction of rectangular grids* of knots thanks to the asymmetric construction of the hat basis functions
  - and/or *further assumptions for complexity simplification*

→ e.g. *inactive variables*

## Setting:

- $\mathcal{I}$ : set of functions interpolating the data (noise-free case).
- $S$ : a  $d$ -dimensional grid such that, for each dimension, 1D knots are **dense in  $[0, 1]$** .
- $\mathcal{H}$ : RKHS associated to  $Y$

## Theorem (Bay, Grammont, Maatouk) Bay et al. [2016, 2017]

Under some technical conditions

$$\hat{Y}_{m_1, \dots, m_d} \rightarrow Y_{\text{opt}},$$

uniformly on  $[0, 1]^d$ , with

$$Y_{\text{opt}} = \underset{f \in \mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{I}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}.$$

## The MaxMod algorithm

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# The MaxMod algorithm in 1D

- Let  $\widehat{Y}_S$  be the MAP function with an ordered set of knots:

$$S = \{t_0, \dots, t_m\}, \quad \text{with } 0 = t_0 < \dots < t_m = 1.$$

- Here, we aim at adding a new knot  $t$  in  $S$  (where?)
- To do so, we aim at *maximising the total modification of the MAP*:

$$I_S(t) = \int_{[0,1]} \left( \widehat{Y}_{S \cup t}(x) - \widehat{Y}_S(x) \right)^2 dx. \quad (8)$$

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## Algorithm MaxMod (maximum modification of the MAP) in 1D

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**Input parameters:** the initial subdivision  $S^{(0)} \in \mathcal{S}$ .

**Sequential procedure:** for  $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$ , do:

1: Set  $t_{\kappa+1}^* \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$I_{S^{(\kappa)}}(t_{\kappa+1}^*) \geq \sup_{t \in [0,1]} I_{S^{(\kappa)}}(t)$$

2:  $S^{(\kappa+1)} = S^{(\kappa)} \cup t_{\kappa+1}^*$ .

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## 1D example under boundedness and monotonicity constraints

MAP estimate

conditional sample-path

- training points
- + knots
- MAP estimate
- predictive mean
- 90% confidence intervals

- Let  $\hat{Y}_{\mathcal{J},s}$  be the MAP function with  $|\mathcal{J}|$  active variables and ordered sets of knots  $S_{\mathcal{J}}$  for  $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \{1, \dots, D\}$ .
- Then, the criterion to maximise is given by

$$I_{\mathcal{J},s}(i, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N_{S, \mathcal{J}, i}} \int_{[0,1]^d} \left( \hat{Y}_{\mathcal{J}, S \cup_i t}(x) - \hat{Y}_{\mathcal{J}, s}(x) \right)^2 dx & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{J}, \\ \frac{1}{N_{S, \mathcal{J}, i}} \int_{[0,1]^{d+1}} \left( \hat{Y}_{\mathcal{J} \cup \{i\}, S + i}(x) - \hat{Y}_{\mathcal{J}, s}(x) \right)^2 dx & \text{if } i \notin \mathcal{J}, \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

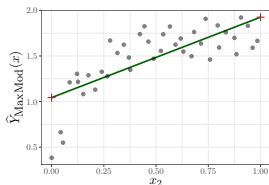
where  $N_{S, \mathcal{J}, i}$  is the increase of the number of basis functions.

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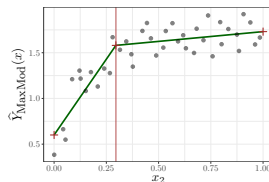
# The MaxMod algorithm in higher dimensions

## 2D example under monotonicity constraints

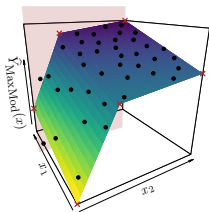
Evolution of the MaxMod algorithm using  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_1 + \arctan(10x_2)$



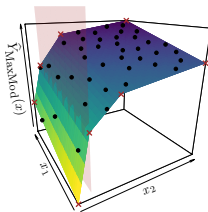
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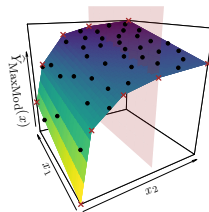
(b) iteration 1



(c) iteration 2



(d) iteration 3



(e) iteration 4

## Theorem [Bachoc et al., 2022]

Under some technical conditions, as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\hat{Y}_{\text{MaxMod},m} \rightarrow Y_{\text{opt}},$$

uniformly on  $[0, 1]^d$ , with

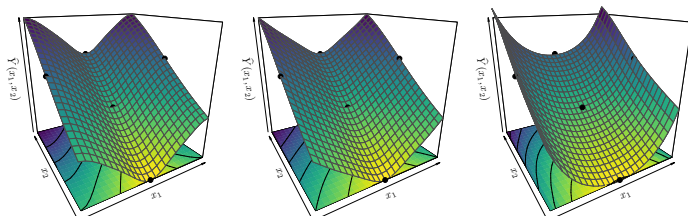
$$Y_{\text{opt}} = \underset{f \in \mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{I}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}.$$

### Remarks

- A neighbourhood penalty term has been added to the criterion. Then, it is proved that the sequence of knots generated by MaxMod is dense.
- The proof is technical and the result rather... minimal.  
Perspective: show some expected behaviour observed in practice about the detection of most influential variables and the concentration of knots at locations where the function varies the most.

# The MaxMod algorithm in higher dimensions

- The constrained GP is tractable depending on  $|\mathcal{J}|$  (nb of active variable).
- According to numerical tests, our framework is limited to  $|\mathcal{J}| \leq 5$ .
- Therefore, further assumptions are required to scale the model:
  - e.g. **additive structures**



Additive GP predictions using (left) the unconstrained GP mean, (center) the cGP mode and (right) the cGP mean via HMC. The constrained model accounts for both componentwise convexity and monotonicity conditions along  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , respectively.

## Extension to additive functions

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- In high dimension, many statistical regression models are based on additive structures of the form:

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = y_1(x_1) + \cdots + y_d(x_d). \quad (10)$$

- Then GP priors can be placed over  $y_1, \dots, y_d$  [Durrande et al., 2012]

$$Y_i \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k_i),$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, d$ . Taking  $Y_1, \dots, Y_d$  as independent GPs, the process

$$Y(\mathbf{x}) = Y_1(x_1) + \cdots + Y_d(x_d)$$

is also a GP and its kernel is given by

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = k_1(x_1, x'_1) + \cdots + k_d(x_d, x'_d). \quad (11)$$



- For the constrained case, we can approximate  $Y_i$  by a finite-dimensional GP:

$$Y_{i,S_i}(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \xi_{i,j} \phi_{i,j}(x_i),$$

with one-dimensional subdivision  $S_i$ , and  $m_i$  knots.

- We let  $S = (S_1, \dots, S_d)$ . The finite-dimensional GP is written,

$$Y_S(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^d Y_{i,S_i}(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \xi_{i,j} \phi_{i,j}(x_i), \quad (12)$$

where  $\xi_{i,j} = Y_i(t_{(j)}^{(S_i)})$  and  $\phi_{i,j} : [0, 1] \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  are asymmetric hat basis functions.

- One can note that the total number of knots is given by  $m = m_1 + \dots + m_d$ .

- Observe from (12) that, since  $\xi_{i,j}$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, d$  and  $j = 1, \dots, m_i$ , are Gaussian distributed, then  $Y_{i,S_i}$  is a GP with kernel given by

$$\tilde{k}_i(x_i, x'_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \sum_{\kappa=1}^{m_i} \phi_{i,j}(x_i) \phi_{i,\kappa}(x'_i) k_i(t_{(j)}^{(S_i)}, t_{(\kappa)}^{(S_i)}). \quad (13)$$

Moreover,  $Y_S$  is a GP with kernel  $\tilde{k}(x, x') = \sum_{i=1}^d \tilde{k}_i(x_i, x'_i)$ .

- We let  $\Sigma_i = k_i(S_i, S_i)$  be the  $m_i \times m_i$  covariance matrix of  $\xi_i$ .

- We consider the componentwise constraints  $Y_{i,S_i} \in \mathcal{E}_i, i = 1, \dots, d$  such that

$$Y_{i,S_i} \in \mathcal{E}_i \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{\xi}_i \in \mathcal{C}_i \quad (14)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\xi}_i = [\xi_{i,1}, \dots, \xi_{i,m_i}]^\top$  and  $\mathcal{C}_i = \{\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^{m_i} : \mathbf{l}_i \leq \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_i \mathbf{c} \leq \mathbf{u}_i\}$ .

- Examples of constraints are monotonicity and componentwise convexity.
- Given the observations and the constraints, the MAP estimate is given by

$$\hat{Y}_S(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \hat{\xi}_{i,j} \phi_{i,j}(x_i). \quad (15)$$

· As in (5), the vector  $\hat{\xi} = [\hat{\xi}_1^\top, \dots, \hat{\xi}_d^\top]^\top$  with  $\hat{\xi}_i = [\hat{\xi}_{i,1}, \dots, \hat{\xi}_{i,m_i}]^\top$  is given by

$$\hat{\xi} = \underset{\substack{\xi = (\xi_1^\top, \dots, \xi_d^\top)^\top \\ l_i \leq \Lambda_i \xi_i \leq u_i, i=1, \dots, d}}{\operatorname{argmin}} (\xi - \mu_c)^\top \Sigma_c^{-1} (\xi - \mu_c), \quad (16)$$

where  $\mu_c = [\mu_{c,1}^\top, \dots, \mu_{c,d}^\top]^\top$  is the  $m \times 1$  vector with block  $i$ , and  $(\Sigma_{c,i,j})_{i,j}$  is the  $m \times m$  matrix with block  $(i, j)$ , given by

$$\mu_{c,i} = \Sigma_i \Phi_i^\top \left[ \left( \sum_{p=1}^d \Phi_p \Sigma_p \Phi_p^\top \right) + \tau^2 \mathbf{I}_n \right]^{-1} \mathbf{y}_n, \quad (17)$$

$$\Sigma_{c,i,j} = \mathbf{1}_{i=j} \Sigma_i - \Sigma_i \Phi_i^\top \left[ \left( \sum_{p=1}^d \Phi_p \Sigma_p \Phi_p^\top \right) + \tau^2 \mathbf{I}_n \right]^{-1} \Phi_j \Sigma_j. \quad (18)$$

## Remarks:

- $\Sigma_{c,i,j}$  involves contributions of the cross-covariances, as the interpolation constraints "breaks" the independence of the 1D GPs.
- Computational speed-up can be done for  $m \ll n$  (matrix inv. lemma).

# Additive MaxMod algorithm

- Consider an additive cGP model that uses only a subset  $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}$  of active variables.
- Its mode function  $\hat{Y}_S$ , from  $\mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{J}|}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , by, for  $\mathbf{x} = (x_i; i \in \mathcal{J})$ ,

$$\hat{Y}_S(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \hat{\xi}_{i,j} \phi_{i,j}(x_i). \quad (19)$$

- We measure this benefit by the squared-norm modification of the cGP mode

$$I_{S,i^*} = \int_{[0,1]^{|\mathcal{J}|+1}} \left( \hat{Y}_{S,i^*}(\mathbf{x}) - \hat{Y}_S(\mathbf{x}) \right)^2 dx \text{ for } i^* \notin \mathcal{J}, \quad (20)$$

$$I_{S,i^*,t} = \int_{[0,1]^{|\mathcal{J}|}} \left( \hat{Y}_{S,i^*,t}(\mathbf{x}) - \hat{Y}_S(\mathbf{x}) \right)^2 dx \text{ for } i^* \in \mathcal{J}. \quad (21)$$

- Both (20) and (21) have analytic expression assuming  $x_i \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, d$  (see López-Lopera et al. [2022]), where the computational cost is linear with respect to  $m = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} m_i$ .

## Extension to additive functions

- For a new variable  $i^* \notin \mathcal{J}$ , the new mode function is

$$\widehat{Y}_{S,i^*}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \widetilde{\xi}_{i,j} \phi_{i,j}(x_i) + \sum_{j=1}^2 \widetilde{\xi}_{i^*,j} \phi_{i^*,j}(x_{i^*})$$

- We let  $\phi_{i^*,1}(u) = 1 - u$  and  $\phi_{i^*,2}(u) = u$  for  $u \in [0, 1]$ .

### Proposition (Computation of $I_{S,i^*}$ )

We have

$$I_{S,i^*} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{\substack{j,j'=1 \\ |j-j'| \leq 1}}^{m_i} \eta_{i,j} \eta_{i,j'} E_{j,j'}^{(S_i)} - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \eta_{i,j} E_j^{(S_i)} \right)^2 + \frac{\eta_{i^*}^2}{12} + \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \eta_{i,j} E_j^{(S_i)} - \frac{\zeta_{i^*}}{2} \right)^2,$$

where  $\eta_{i,j} = \widehat{\xi}_{i,j} - \widetilde{\xi}_{i,j}$ ,  $\eta_{i^*} = \widetilde{\xi}_{i^*,2} - \widetilde{\xi}_{i^*,1}$ ,  $\zeta_{i^*} = \widetilde{\xi}_{i^*,1} + \widetilde{\xi}_{i^*,2}$ ,  $E_j^{(S_i)} := \int_0^1 \phi_{i,j}(t) dt$  and  $E_{j,j'}^{(S_i)} := \int_0^1 \phi_{i,j}(t) \phi_{i,j'}(t) dt$  with explicit expressions in Lemma 1 [López-Lopera et al., 2022, Appendix A.3]. The matrices  $(E_{j,j'}^{(S_i)})_{1 \leq j,j' \leq m_i}$  are 1-band and the computational cost is linear w.r.t.  $m = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} m_i$ .

# Additive MaxMod algorithm

· For a new  $t$  added to  $S_{i^*}$  with  $i^* \in \mathcal{J}$ , the new mode function is

$$\widehat{Y}_{S_{i^*}, t}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{j=1}^{\widetilde{m}_i} \widetilde{\xi}_{i,j} \widetilde{\phi}_{i,j}(\mathbf{x}_i),$$

where  $\widetilde{m}_i = m_i$  for  $i \neq i^*$ ,  $\widetilde{m}_{i^*} = m_{i^*} + 1$ ,  $\widetilde{\phi}_{i,j} = \phi_{i,j}$  for  $i \neq i^*$ , and  $\widetilde{\phi}_{i^*,j}$  is obtained from  $S_{i^*} \cup \{t\}$  as in Proposition 1.

## Proposition (Computation of $I_{S_{i^*}, t}$ )

For  $i \in \mathcal{J} \setminus \{i^*\}$ , let  $\widetilde{S}_i = S_i$ . Let  $\widetilde{S}_{i^*} = S_{i^*} \cup \{t\}$ . Recall that the knots in  $S_{i^*}$  are written  $0 = t_{(1)}^{(S_{i^*})} < \dots < t_{(m_{i^*})}^{(S_{i^*})} = 1$ . Let  $\nu \in \{1, \dots, m_{i^*} - 1\}$  be such that  $t_{(\nu)}^{(S_{i^*})} < t < t_{(\nu+1)}^{(S_{i^*})}$ . Then, with a linear cost w.r.t.  $\widetilde{m} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \widetilde{m}_i$ , we have

$$I_{S_{i^*}, t} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{\substack{j, j'=1 \\ |j-j'| \leq 1}}^{\widetilde{m}_i} \bar{\eta}_{i,j} \bar{\eta}_{i,j'} E_{j,j'}^{(\widetilde{S}_i)} - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\widetilde{m}_i} \bar{\eta}_{i,j} E_j^{(\widetilde{S}_i)} \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{j=1}^{\widetilde{m}_i} \bar{\eta}_{i,j} E_j^{(\widetilde{S}_i)} \right)^2,$$

where  $\bar{\eta}_{i,j} = \bar{\xi}_{i,j} - \bar{\xi}_{i,j'}$ ,  $\bar{\xi}_{i,j} = \widehat{\xi}_{i,j}$  for  $i \neq i^*$ ,  $\bar{\xi}_{i^*,j} = \widehat{\xi}_{i^*,j}$  for  $j \leq \nu$ ,  $\bar{\xi}_{i^*,j} = \widehat{\xi}_{i^*,j-1}$  for  $j \geq \nu + 2$ , and

$$\bar{\xi}_{i^*, \nu+1} = \widehat{\xi}_{i^*, \nu} \frac{t_{(\nu+1)}^{(S_{i^*})} - t}{t_{(\nu+1)}^{(S_{i^*})} - t_{(\nu)}^{(S_{i^*})}} + \widehat{\xi}_{i^*, \nu+1} \frac{t - t_{(\nu)}^{(S_{i^*})}}{t_{(\nu+1)}^{(S_{i^*})} - t_{(\nu)}^{(S_{i^*})}}.$$

## Numerical experiments

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# Numerical experiments: Monotonicity in hundreds of dimensions

· We consider the target function:

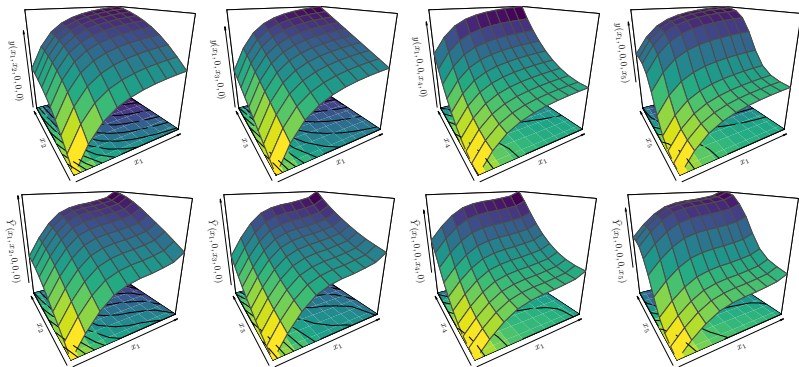
$$y(x) = \sum_{i=1}^d \arctan \left( 5 \left[ 1 - \frac{i}{d+1} \right] x_i \right). \quad (22)$$

with  $x \in [0, 1]^d$ .  $y$  exhibits decreasing growth rates as the index  $i$  increases.

Results (mean  $\pm$  one standard deviation over 10 replicates) with  $n = 2d$ . For the computation of the cGP mean,  $10^3$  ( $\dagger 50$ ) HMC samples are used.

$d$	$m$	CPU Time [s]		GP mean	$Q^2$ [%]	
		cGP mode	cGP mean		cGP mode	cGP mean
10	50	0.1 $\pm$ 0.1	0.1 $\pm$ 0.1	82.3 $\pm$ 6.2	83.8 $\pm$ 4.2	<b>88.1 <math>\pm</math> 1.7</b>
100	500	0.4 $\pm$ 0.1	5.2 $\pm$ 0.5	89.8 $\pm$ 1.6	90.7 $\pm$ 1.4	<b>91.5 <math>\pm</math> 1.3</b>
250	1250	4.2 $\pm$ 0.7	132.3 $\pm$ 26.3	91.7 $\pm$ 0.8	92.9 $\pm$ 0.6	<b>93.4 <math>\pm</math> 0.6</b>
500	2500	37.0 $\pm$ 11.4	$\dagger$ 156.9 $\pm$ 40.5	92.5 $\pm$ 0.6	93.8 $\pm$ 0.5	$\dagger$ <b>94.3 <math>\pm</math> 0.5</b>
1000	5000	262.4 $\pm$ 35.8	$\dagger$ 10454.3 $\pm$ 3399.3	92.6 $\pm$ 0.3	94.6 $\pm$ 0.2	$\dagger$ <b>95.1 <math>\pm</math> 0.2</b>

# Numerical experiments: Monotonicity in hundreds of dimensions



2D projections of the true profiles (top) and the constrained GP predictions (bottom)

# Numerical experiments: Dimension reduction illustration

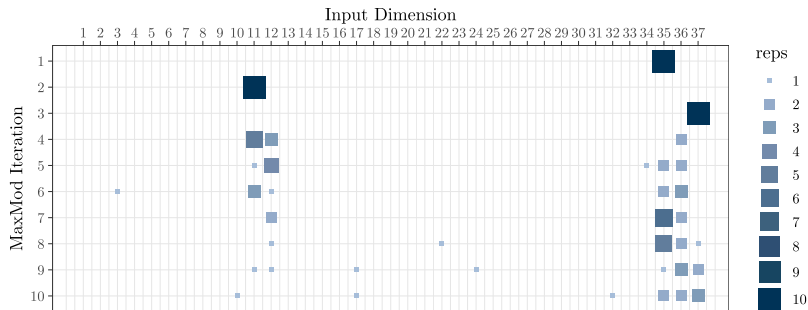
- We test the capability of MaxMod to account for dimension reduction considering the function in (22).
- In addition to  $(x_1, \dots, x_d)$ , we include  $D - d$  virtual variables, indexed as  $(x_{d+1}, \dots, x_D)$ , which will compose the subset of inactive dimensions.
  - $\hat{Y}_{\text{MaxMod}}$ : the mode of the additive cGP and MaxMod.
  - $\tilde{Y}_{\text{MaxMod}}$ : the mode of the non-additive cGP and MaxMod.

$Q^2$  Performance of the MaxMod algorithm with  $n = 10D$ .

$D$	$d$	active dimensions	knots per dimension	$Q^2(\tilde{Y}_{\text{MaxMod}})$ [%]	$Q^2(\hat{Y}_{\text{MaxMod}})$ [%]
10	2	(1, 2)	(4, 3)	99.5	<b>99.8</b>
	3	(1, 2, 3)	(5, 5, 3)	97.8	<b>99.8</b>
	5	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	(4, 4, 4, 3, 2)	91.4	<b>99.8</b>
20	2	(1, 2)	(5, 3)	99.7	<b>99.8</b>
	3	(1, 2, 3)	(4, 4, 3)	99.0	<b>99.9</b>
	5	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	(5, 4, 3, 3, 2)	96.0	<b>99.7</b>

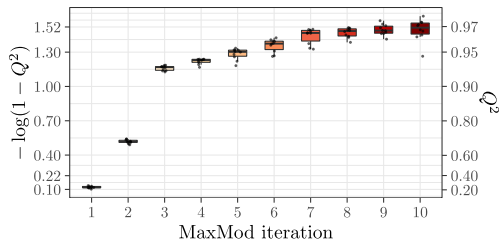
- The database contains a flood study conducted by the French multinational electric utility company EDF in the Vienne river [Petit et al., 2016].
- It is composed of  $N = 2 \times 10^4$  simulations.
  - 1 output: water level  $H$
  - 37 inputs depending on: upstream flow disturbance, data on the geometry of the river bed, and Strickler friction coefficients
- Expert knowledge:  $H$  is decreasing w.r.t. friction coef. (variables 1 to 24) and increasing w.r.t. to the upstream flow disturbance (variable 37).
- Petit et al. [2016] have shown that the additive assumption is realistic here, and that inputs 11, 35 and 37 explain most of the variance.
- We consider (approximated) LHD of size  $n = 2d$  for training the cGP.

# Numerical experiments: Flood study of the Vienne river



The choice made by MaxMod per iteration. Results are computed over 10 replicates. For the first panel, a bigger and darker square implies a more repeated choice.

# Numerical experiments: Flood study of the Vienne river



$Q^2$  boxplots. Results are computed over 10 replicates. For the first panel, a bigger and darker square implies a more repeated choice.

- We combine the additive and constrained frameworks to propose an additive constrained GP prior and MaxMod algorithm.
- The corresponding mode predictor can be computed and posterior realizations can be sampled, both in a scalable way to high dimension.
  - We demonstrate the performance and scalability of the framework with examples with  $d \leq 1000$  and in a real-world application with  $d = 37$ .
  - MaxMod identifies the most important input variables, with data size as low as  $n = 2d$  in dimension  $d$ .
- We provide open-source R codes for our full framework

<https://github.com/anfelopera/lineqGPR>

★ The extension to block-additivity is being studied by Mathis Deronzier (PhD student at the IMT), e.g. in 3 dimensions:

$$Y(x_1, x_2, x_3) = Y_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) + Y_3(x_3)$$

- Variable selection (structure of the blocks).
- Theoretical convergence of the (additive and block-additive) MaxMod algorithm.
- Further real-world applications.



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