



# what is linear regression?

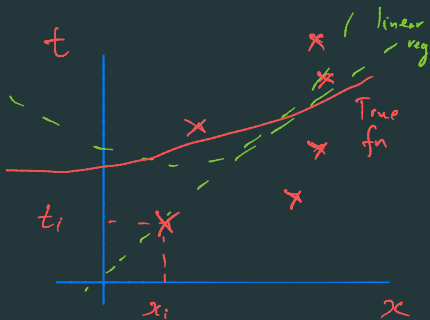
Data -  $(x_1, t_1), (x_2, t_2), \dots, (x_N, t_N)$

↑ observations    ↑ target

• Model

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(x)$$

↑ regression coefficient    ↑ basis vectors



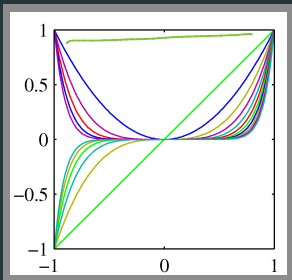
$$t(x) = y(x) + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim N(0, 1/\beta) \text{ - Noise}$$

↑ noise precision

frequentist view of regression

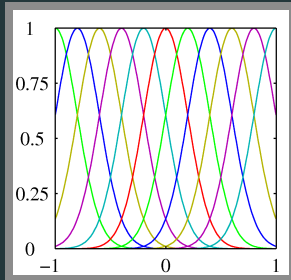
- Assume  $\phi_0(x) = 1$  ( $w_0 \equiv \text{constant}$ , 'bias')

# basis functions



Polynomial basis fns

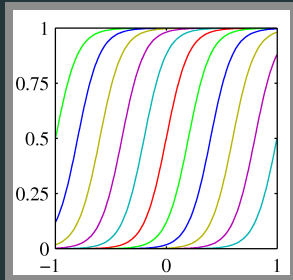
$$\phi_j(x) = x^j$$



Gaussian basis fn

$$\phi_j(x) = e^{-\frac{(x-\mu_j)^2}{s_j^2}}$$

↑                      ↑  
location            scale  
parameter        parameter



Sigmoidal basis fn

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\frac{(x-\mu_j)}{s_j}}}$$

• Fourier basis =  $\phi_j(x) = \sin(\omega_j x + \mu_j)$

• Wavelet basis

regression: the frequentist view  $y(x) = w_0 + w_1 x$

$$(M) \quad t(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(x) + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim N(0, 1/\beta)$$

design matrix

$$\bar{\Phi} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(x_1) & \phi_1(x_1) & \dots & \phi_{M-1}(x_1) \\ \phi_0(x_2) & \phi_1(x_2) & \dots & \phi_{M-1}(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_0(x_N) & \phi_1(x_N) & \dots & \phi_{M-1}(x_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

$N \times M$  matrix

$$\mathbb{D} \equiv \bar{\Phi}, \quad t = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N)^T$$

$N \times 1$  vector

$M \times 1$  vector  $w = (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{M-1})^T$

$\phi(x_i) = (\phi_0(x_i), \dots, \phi_{M-1}(x_i))$

Sufficient statistic of the data

likelihood  $p(\mathbb{D} | M) \propto \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\beta (t_i - w^T \phi(x_i))^2}{2}\right)$

maximum likelihood  $w_{ML} = \underbrace{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}}_{\text{pseudo inverse}} t, \quad \bar{\Phi}^{-1} = (\underbrace{\bar{\Phi}^T \bar{\Phi}}_{M \times M \text{ matrix}})^{-1} \bar{\Phi}^T$

dagger  $\rightarrow +$



Eg - linear regression (frequentist)

$$t = w_0 + w_1 x + \epsilon \quad (t = y(x) + \epsilon, y(x) = w_0 + w_1 x)$$

observed data  $\downarrow$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
unknown params noise  $N(0, 1/\beta)$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{pmatrix}, \quad t = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_N \end{pmatrix}, \quad w = \begin{pmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w^{ML} = \underbrace{(\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T}_{A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)} t$$

Alternate  
- choose  $w_0, w_1$  to minimize  $\sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - w_0 - w_1 x_i)^2$   
- i.e., LS estimate

output -  $y(x) = w_0^{ML} + w_1^{ML} x$

# Bayesian linear regression

$$P(t|w) \sim \mathcal{N}(w^T \phi(x), 1/\beta)$$

Model - 
$$t_i = \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(x_i) + \epsilon_i$$

'unknown'  $\equiv$  random variables

-  $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1/\beta) \equiv$  iid for each  $(x_i, t_i)$

-  $w = \begin{pmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_{M-1} \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, T_0^{-1}\right)$  (prior)

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{'precision' matrix}}$  Eg -  $\alpha^{-1} I$

i.e,  $w_j \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1/\alpha)$ , iid  $\forall j$

-  $\alpha, \beta \equiv$  model hyperparameters (fixed)

## normal-normal model for unknown $\mu$

- data  $D = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- model  $\mathcal{M}$ :  $X_i$  i.i.d. from  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \tau)$ , with **unknown**  $\mu$ , **known**  $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$

### normal-normal model

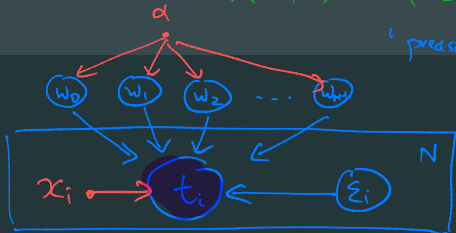
- likelihood:  $p(D|\mu) \propto \exp(-\tau \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2/2)$
- prior:  $\mu \sim \mathcal{N}(m_\mu, 1/\tau_\mu) \propto \exp(-\tau_\mu(\mu - m_\mu)^2/2)$  ( $m_\mu, \tau_\mu$  - hyperparam)
- posterior: let  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ ,  $m_D = \frac{n\tau\bar{x} + \tau_\mu \cdot m_\mu}{n\tau + \tau_\mu}$  and  $\tau_D = n\tau + \tau_\mu$   
 $p(\mu|D) \sim \mathcal{N}(m_D, 1/\tau_D)$   
*Empirical mean (MLEstimator for  $\mu$ )*  
*Shrinkage estimator -  $\bar{x} + (1/\tau)m_\mu$*
- posterior predictive distribution:  
 $p(x|D) \sim \mathcal{N}(m_D, 1/\tau + 1/\tau_D)$   
*noise added to  $x$  by model*  
*'noise' in parameter  $\mu$*

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## Bayesian linear regression model

- likelihood:  $p(D|W) \propto \exp\left(-\beta \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - W^T \phi(x_i))^2 / 2\right)$
  - prior:  $W \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha^{-1}I)$  (ie,  $W_j \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1/\alpha)$ , iid)  $m_D = T_D^{-1} \beta \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{\phi(x_i) t_i}_{M \times 1}$
  - posterior: let  $m_D = T_D^{-1} \beta \Phi^T t$  and  $T_D = \beta \Phi^T \Phi + \alpha I$
- $p(W|D) \sim \mathcal{N}(m_D, T_D^{-1})$

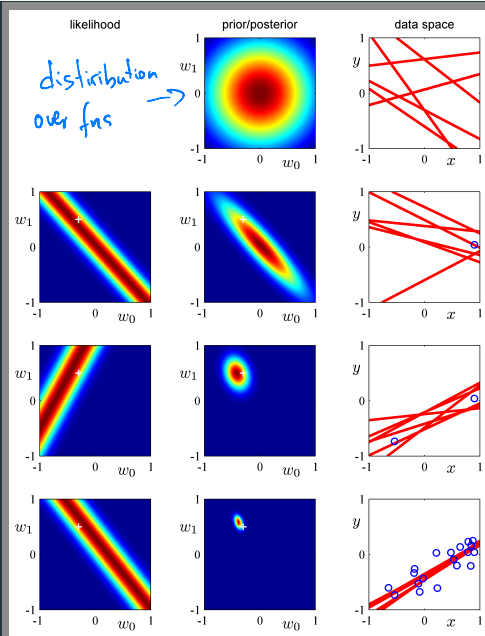


'precision' = inverse covariance matrix

- Note  $\{W_i\}_{i=0}^{M-1}$  initially indep, but dependent given  $t_i$ .



# Bayesian linear regression: example (from Bishop Ch 3)



model -  $t_i = w_0 + w_1 x_i + \epsilon_i$

$(w_0, w_1) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha^{-1} I)$ ,  $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{\beta})$

$y(x) = -0.3 + 0.1x$ ,  $t_i = y(x_i) + \epsilon_i$

As  $N$  increases

$\frac{1}{D} \rightarrow 0$

$M_D \rightarrow \text{true } \begin{pmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{pmatrix}$

ground truth:  $f(x) = 0.1x - 0.3$

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$$p(W|D) \sim \mathcal{N}(m_D, T_D^{-1})$$

- posterior predictive distribution: (i.e.,  $p(t|x, D)$ )

$$p(t|D) \sim \mathcal{N}(m_D^T \phi(x), \beta^{-1} + \phi(x)^T T_D^{-1} \phi(x))$$

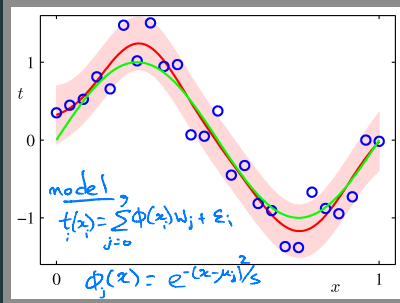
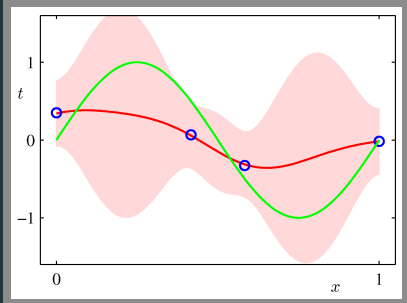
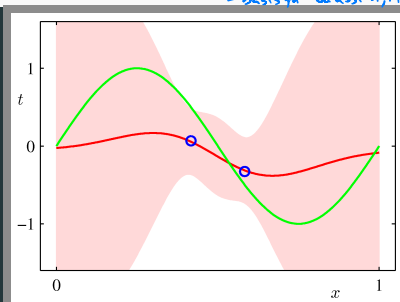
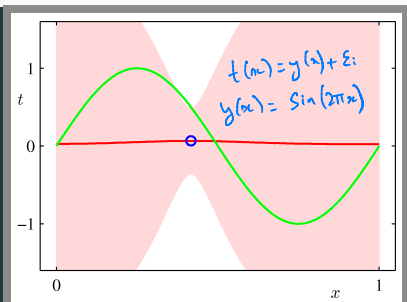
← Variance as  
fn of  $x$

$$\text{i.e.} - W = m_D + Z, \quad Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, T_D), \quad t = W^T \phi(x) + \epsilon_i$$

$$\Rightarrow t = m_D^T \phi(x) + \underbrace{Z^T \phi(x) + \epsilon_i}_{\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{\beta} + \phi(x)^T T_D^{-1} \phi(x))}$$

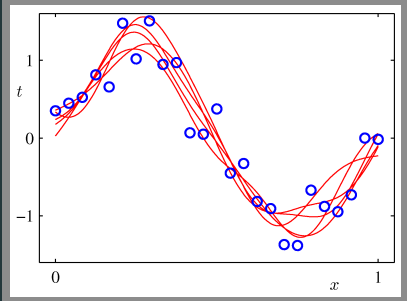
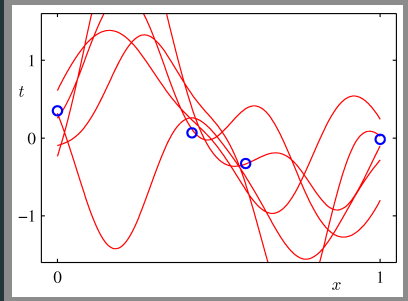
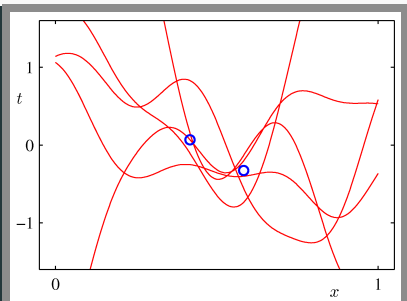
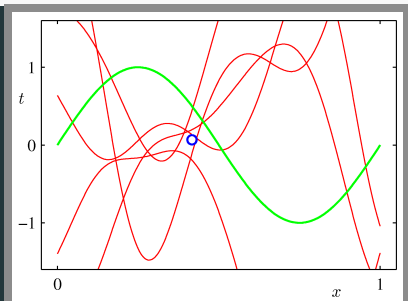
# Bayesian linear regression: posterior prediction

Bishop Ch 3  
 - ground truth -  $\sin 2\pi x$   
 - basis fn - Gaussian,  $M=10$





# Bayesian linear regression: posterior sampling



the 'equivalent' kernel (distance fn defined by data)

• given  $\mathcal{D} = \{(t_i, x_i)\}$ , posterior mean  $\equiv t(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N t_i k(x, x_i)$

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- model  $\mathcal{M}: t_i = \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} W_j \phi(x_i) + \epsilon_i$ , where  $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \beta^{-1})$
- **prior**:  $W \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha^{-1} I)$
- **posterior**: let  $m_D = T_D^{-1} \beta \Phi^T t$  and  $T_D = \beta \Phi^T \Phi + \alpha I$ , then

$$t(x|D) = m_D^T \phi(x) + \epsilon_D$$

↙ noise in model

where  $\epsilon_D \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \beta^{-1} + \Phi^T T_D^{-1} \Phi)$  ↙ noise in params  $W$  ↘  $T_D^{-1}$

alternately,  $y(x|D) = \sum_{n=1}^N k(x, x_n) t_n$ , where  $k(x, y) = \beta \phi(x)^T S_D \phi(y)$

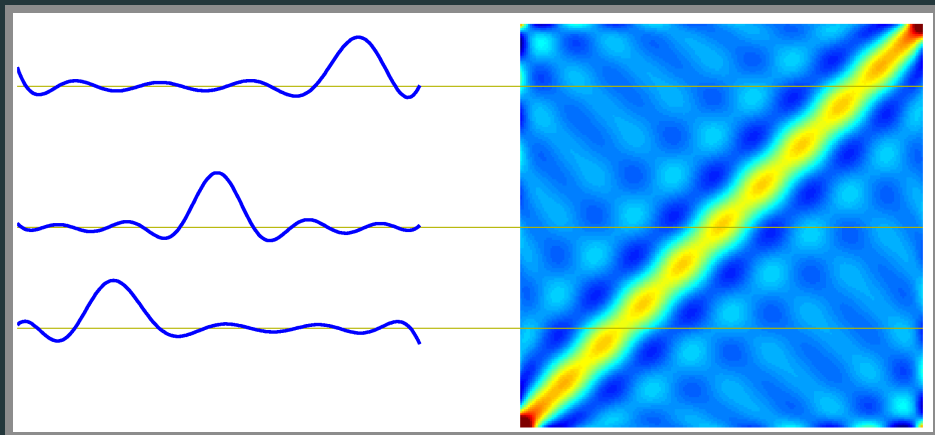
$$y(x|D) = m_D^T \phi(x) = \beta \left( T_D^{-1} \Phi^T t \right)^T \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(x) \\ \phi_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{M-1}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= t^T \left( \beta \Phi \underbrace{T_D^{-1}}_{(\phi(x_i))_{i,j}} \Phi^T \phi(x) \right)$$

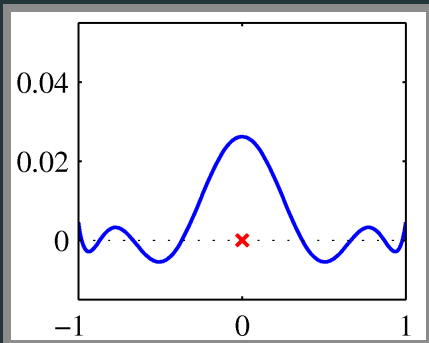
$$\boxed{(AB)^T = B^T A^T}$$

the equivalent kernel: example

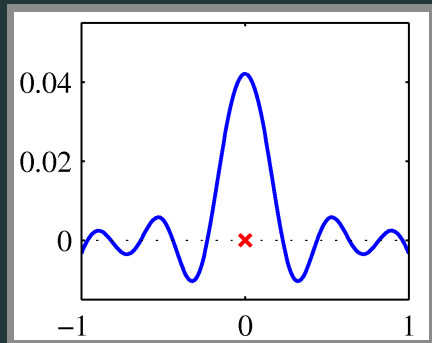
(sinusoid ground truth, Gaussian basis fn)



## equivalent kernels



polynomial kernel



sigmoidal kernel

