# Bayesian Treed Gaussian Processes STAT8810, Fall 2017

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  - But their formulation has some differences, and since there is more than one GP there are now a lot more parameters to deal with – increased complexity of sampling algorithm.

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Figure 1: A Single Tree with Scalar Terminal Nodes

#### **Bayesian Treed GP Model**



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#### GP Model within a given terminal node $\nu$ .

• Given we are in region  $r_{\nu}$  (i.e. terminal node  $\nu$ ) the GP model for the data mapping to this node is

$$\mathbf{Z}_{\nu}|\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\nu},\sigma_{\nu}^{2},\mathbf{K}_{\nu}\sim \textit{N}_{\textit{n}_{\nu}}\left(\mathbf{F}_{\nu}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\nu},\sigma_{\nu}^{2}\mathbf{K}_{\nu}\right)$$

where  $\beta_{\nu}$  is an  $m\times 1$  parameter vector,  $\sigma_{\nu}^2$  is a scalar parameter,

$$F_{\nu} = [\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{X}_{\nu}]$$

and the correlation is specified as brautile Correlation

$$\mathbf{K}_{
u}(\mathbf{x}_{j},\mathbf{x}_{k}) = exp\left(\sum_{i} rac{|x_{ji} - x_{ki}|^{2}}{d_{i}}
ight) + g\delta_{\mathbf{x}_{j} = \mathbf{x}_{k}}$$

where  $d_i > 0$  is a correlation length scale parameter for each dimension.

• The prior on the regression coeffficient is

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\nu} | \sigma_{\nu}^2, \tau_{\nu}^2, \mathbf{W}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 \sim N_m \left( \boldsymbol{\beta}_0, \sigma_{\nu}^2 \tau_{\nu}^2 \mathbf{W} \right).$$

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- *ρ* is a degrees of freedom parameter. A common weakly
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- The specific priors used are

$$g_{
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where  $\lambda$  is a user-specified hyperparameter, and

$$d_{
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```
x=seq(0,2,length=1000)
da=dgamma(x,shape=1,rate=20)
db=dgamma(x,shape=10,rate=10)
d=0.5*da+0.5*db
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(x,d,type='l',lwd=2,xlab=expression(d[nu]),
     vlab="Density")
lines(x,da,lwd=0.5,col="grey")
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set.seed(99)
x = seq(0, 1, length = 100)
D=abs(outer(x,x,"-"))
Ra=exp(-D^2/(1/20)) # like rho=2e-9
Rb=exp(-D^2/(10/10)) # like rho=0.37
La=t(chol(Ra+diag(100)*1e-10))
Lb=t(chol(Ra+diag(100)*1e-10))
Za=La%*%rnorm(100)
Zb=Lb%*%rnorm(100)
plot(x,Za,type='l',lwd=2,col="blue",
     ylim=range(c(Za,Zb)),ylab="Response")
lines(x,Zb,lwd=2,col="red")
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- I will use the symbol "·" to mean "everything else" to reduce notation overload.
- 1a. Draw

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where

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and

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where

$$b_{\nu} = (\beta_{\nu} - \beta_0)^T \mathbf{W}^{-1} (\beta_{\nu} - \beta_0) / \sigma_n^2$$

and m is the number of predictor variables including intercept.

1d. Draw

$$\mathbf{W}^{-1}|\cdot \sim \mathsf{Wishart}_m\left(\left(\rho\mathbf{V}+V_{\widehat{\mathbf{W}}}\right)^{-1}, \rho+R\right)$$

where

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, for  $\nu = 1, \ldots, R$  and  $g_{\nu}$  for  $\nu = 1, \ldots, R$ .

These draws are performed using Metropolis-Hastings steps. Similar to how we integrated some parameters out of our single-tree model, they integrate out  $\beta_{\nu}$  and  $\sigma_{\nu}^2$  giving

$$\pi(\mathbf{K}_{\nu}|\mathbf{Z}_{\nu},\boldsymbol{\beta}_{0},\mathbf{W},\tau^{2},\mathbf{Z}_{\nu}) = \left(\frac{|\mathbf{V}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\nu}}|(2\pi)^{-n_{\nu}}}{|\mathbf{K}_{\nu}||\mathbf{W}|\tau^{2m}}\right)^{1/2}$$
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$$\times \frac{(q_{\sigma}/2)^{\alpha_{\sigma}/2}\Gamma\left((1/2)(\alpha_{\sigma}+n_{\nu})\right)}{((1/2)(q_{\sigma}+\Psi_{\nu}))^{(\alpha_{\sigma}+n_{\nu})/2}\Gamma(\alpha_{\sigma}/2)} \times \pi(\mathbf{K}_{\nu})$$

where  $\Psi_{\nu} = \mathbf{Z}_{\nu}^{T} \mathbf{K}_{\nu}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_{\nu} + \beta_{0}^{T} \mathbf{W}^{-1} \beta_{0} / \tau^{2} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\nu}^{T} \mathbf{V}_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\nu}}^{-1} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\nu}.$ 

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  - Using (1) one can perform MH steps for the d<sub>ν</sub>, s and the g<sub>ν</sub>'s similar to how we did for our Bayesian GP model. (The authors here don't expand on how they actually implement this).



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- However, there are some continuous parameters that cannot be integrated in closed form, namely the d<sub>ν,i</sub>'s and g<sub>ν</sub>'s.

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- The expression at the right denotes the determinant of the Jacobian matrix describing the deterministic maps between the lower-dimensional (existing) state to the higher-dimensional proposed state resulting from birth.



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- A similar approach applies for death proposals.

The resulting MH ratio for birth is calculated as

$$\frac{|\mathcal{G}|}{|\mathcal{P}|} \frac{\pi(\eta \text{ splits}) pi(\eta_{(l)} \text{ terminal}) \pi(\eta_{(r)} \text{ terminal})}{\pi(\eta \text{ terminal})}$$

$$\times \frac{\pi(\mathbf{K}_{(l)}|\mathbf{Z}_{(l)}\beta_{0}\tau_{(l)}^{2},\mathbf{W})\pi(\mathbf{K}_{(r)}|\mathbf{Z}_{(r)}\beta_{0}\tau_{(r)}^{2},\mathbf{W})}{\pi(\mathbf{K}_{\nu}|\mathbf{Z}_{\nu}\beta_{0}\tau_{\nu}^{2},\mathbf{W})}$$

where  $\pi(\eta \text{ splits}) = a(1 + d_{\eta})^{-b}$  and  $|\mathcal{P}|$  is the number of nodes in  $\mathcal{T}$  where a death proposal can occur and  $|\mathcal{G}|$  is the number of nodes where a birth proposal can occur.

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$$\mathsf{E}[Z(\mathsf{x})|\cdot,\mathsf{x}\in\nu]=\mathsf{f}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathsf{x})\tilde{\beta}_{\nu}+\mathsf{k}_{\nu}(\mathsf{x})^{\mathsf{T}}\mathsf{K}_{\nu}^{-1}(\mathsf{Z}_{\nu}-\mathsf{F}_{\nu}\tilde{\beta}_{\nu})$$

and variance

$$\mathsf{Var}(Z(\mathbf{x})|\cdot,\mathbf{x}\in\nu) = \sigma_{\nu}^{2}\left(k_{\nu}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{q}_{\nu}^{T}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{C}_{\nu}^{-1}\mathbf{q}_{\nu}(\mathbf{x})\right)$$

where 
$$\mathbf{C}_{\nu}^{-1} = (\mathbf{K}_{\nu} + \tau_{\nu}^{2}\mathbf{F}_{\nu}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{F}_{\nu}^{T})^{-1}$$
,  
 $\mathbf{q}_{\nu}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{k}_{\nu}(\mathbf{x}) + \tau_{\nu}^{2}\mathbf{F}_{\nu}\mathbf{W}_{\nu}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$  and  
 $k_{\nu}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = K_{\nu}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') + \tau_{\nu}^{2}\mathbf{f}^{T}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{W}f(\mathbf{x}')$ .

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library(tgp)
demo(package="tgp")

#### Example

Main function is btgp(). Lets look at the moto data.

```
set.seed(88)
library(MASS)
X=data.frame(times=mcycle[,1])
Z=data.frame(accel=mcycle[,2])
fit.gp=bgp(X=X,Z=Z,verb=0) # Regular GP fit (no tree)
fit.tgp=btgp(X=X,Z=Z,bprior="b0",verb=0) # Treed GP
```

#### **Example**

# Plot both fits (posterior mean predictions) side by side
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(fit.gp,layout='surf')
plot(fit.tgp,layout='surf')


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# Model details: str(fit.tgp)

##	List of 31		
##	\$ X	:	data.frame': 133 obs. of 1 variable:
##	\$ time:	s:	num [1:133] 2.4 2.6 3.2 3.6 4 6.2 6.6 6.8
##	\$ n	:	int 133
##	\$ d	:	int 1
##	\$ Z	:	num [1:133] 0 -1.3 -2.7 0 -2.7 -2.7 -2.7 -2
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##	\$ R	:	int 1
##	\$ linburn	:	logi FALSE
##	\$ g	:	int [1:2] 0 0
##	<pre>\$ dparams</pre>	:	num [1:45] 0.5 2 10 1 1 0 0 0 0 1

# By default samples are not saved from the posterior, # only the posterior quantities we want are recorded. # Use trace=TRUE to save more information. # However, storage may be an issue. fit2.tgp=btgp(X=X,Z=Z,bprior="b0",verb=0,trace=TRUE) par(mfrow=c(1,2)) plot(fit2.tgp\$trace\$hier\$s2.a0,type='l') plot(fit2.tgp\$trace\$preds\$Zp.ks2\$XX1,type='l')



# Run for more iterations. # BTE=(burn,total,every) # Default is BTE=(2000,7000,2) fit3.tgp=btgp(X=X,Z=Z,bprior="b0",verb=0,trace=TRUE,BTE=c( par(mfrow=c(1,2)) plot(fit3.tgp\$trace\$hier\$s2.a0,type='l') plot(fit3.tgp\$trace\$preds\$Zp.ks2\$XX1,type='l')



• What happens if we try our stationary example from earlier?

```
set.seed(88)
x=seq(0,1,length=10)
D=abs(outer(x,x,"-"))
R=0.001^(D^2)
L=t(chol(R))
Z=L%*%rnorm(10)
X=data.frame(x)
Z=data.frame(Z)
plot(X,Z,pch=20,col="red",xlab="X",ylab="Response")
```

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plot(fit.gp,layout='surf')
plot(fit.tgp,layout='surf')
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