Learning from Sensor Data: Set I

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Course Outline

- 1. Preliminaries
- 2. A probabilistic approach (books by Hajek and Mackay)
 - Statistical characteristics of data
 - Statistical analysis of the performance
- 3. Data (book by Hajek)
 - Continuous time
 - Discrete time

- 4. Frameworks for learning from data (MacKay)
 - Parametric models
 - Non-parametric data driven

- 5. Estimating key statistical metrics from data (Bishop 2.4, 2.5)
 - Estimating probability mass function
 - Density estimation
 - Plugin estimators
 - Kernel density estimation (KDE)
 - K nearest neighbor (k-NN)

Set II

- 6. Data representation (Bishop 8)
 - Graphical modeling
 - Directed graphs
 - Bayesian network
 - Undirected graphs
 - Markov random fields
 - Factor graphs

1. Preliminaries

- Engineering is all about designing a system with constraints
 - or more often, "improving" the functionality of a physical system within some practical constraints
- The system could be anything from a bridge to the space station to the world wide web
- Examples of physical systems could be our environment, a biological system, or a factory
- The constraints could be the form factor, the cost, power, time, among others

- Engineers use fundamental tools like mathematics, physics, chemistry, and economics
- For years their starting point has been building a model
 - Model of the system
 - Model of the constraints
- The impact of their work has been limited by the accuracy of their model
- The model is often also used to evaluate the performance

- Despite possible limitations of models we have thousands of engineering marbles
 - Golden gate bridge
 - World wide web
 - Cellular LTE
 - Robots

- "Essentially all models are wrong but some are useful" G. Box (1987)
- A move from model based engineering to data based engineering
 - Can we engineer based on data?
 - A precursor is "inference" where we try to find the most appropriate explanation for data

- Over the last decade there has been a data deluge
 - Incredible connectivity
 - Cheap storage and computational machines
 - Availability of sensors
- There are many positives and negatives to the explosion of data
 - Let's only focus on the positives

- Learning from data
 - A probabilist approach
 - Data could be noisy
 - Model could have inherent uncertainty
 - Insufficient size of data set
 - A probabilistic inference may be desirable
 - Example: 80% chance of rain

2. A probabilistic approach

- Input space = feature space = signal domain \mathcal{X}
- Output space = response space = signal range \mathcal{Y}
- Examples:
 - Classification

$$\mathcal{X} = \Re^d \text{ and } \mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$$

Estimation

$$\mathcal{X} = \Re$$
 and $\mathcal{Y} = \Re$ where $Y = g(X) + Z$

- In many systems and problems, input (data) denoted as X and output by Y
- Assume a joint distribution of (X,Y) as $F_{X,Y}$
 - Cumulative distribution function (CDF) and joint CDF

 $F_X(a) = P\{X \le a\} \text{ and } F_{X,Y}(a,b) = P\{X \le a \text{ and } Y \le b\}$

Probability density function (PDF) and joint PDF if variables are continuous valued

$$F_X(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a f_X(x) dx$$

$$F_{X,Y}(a,b) = \int_{-\infty}^a \int_{-\infty}^b f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

• For discrete data we define probability mass function (PMF)

$$F_X(a) = \sum_{x_i \le a} p_X(x_i) \text{ where } p_X(x_i) = P(X = x_i)$$

Joint probability mass function

$$F_{X,Y}(a,b) = \sum_{x_i \le a} \sum_{y_j \le b} p_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j) \text{ where } p_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j) = P(X = x_i, Y = y_j)$$

Conditional distribution and conditional probability mass function

$$F_{Y|X}(b|x_i) = \sum_{y_j \le b} p_{Y|X}(y_j|x_i)$$

• If X and Y are jointly discrete

$$p_{Y|X}(y_j|x_i) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j)}{p_X(x_i)}$$

Conditional distribution and conditional density

$$F_{Y|X}(y|x)$$
 and $F_{Y|X}(b|x) = \int_{-\infty}^{b} f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$

• If X and Y are jointly continuous then

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}$$

• The expectation operator

$$E[g(X)] = \int_{\Re} g(x) dF_X = \int_{\Re} g(x) f_X dx$$

$$E[g(Y)|X] = \int_{\Re} g(y) dF_{Y|X} = \int_{\Re} g(y) f_{Y|X} dy$$

$$E[g(X,Y)] = \int_{\Re^2} g(x,y) dF_{X,Y} = \int_{\Re^2} g(x,y) f_{X,Y} dx dy$$

• Similarly if X is discrete

$$E[g(X)] = \int_{\Re} g(x) dF_X = \sum_i g(x_i) p_X(x_i)$$

• X and Y are independent if

$$F_{X,Y}(a,b) = F_X(a)F_Y(b) \ \forall a \text{ and } b$$

or $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_x(x)f_Y(y) \ \forall x \text{ and } y$

• Correlation between X and Y

$$R_{X,Y} = E[XY^*]$$
 and $C_{X,Y} = E[XY^*] - E[X]E[Y]^*$

• Mutual information between X and Y

$$I(X;Y) = \int_{\Re^2} f_{X,Y} \log(\frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)f_Y(y)}) dx dy$$

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Correlation coefficients

$$-1 \le \rho_{X,Y} = \frac{C_{X,Y}}{\sqrt{Var(X)Var(Y)}} \le 1$$

Mutual information

$$0 \le I(X;Y)$$

- All these measure relationship among variables
 - Correlation, independence, and mutual information

• Example 2.1: If X and Y are independent

• Then
$$C_{X,Y} = 0$$
 and $I(X;Y) = 0$

- If X is zero mean and has a symmetric density and Y is squared X then
 - Are X and Y independent?
 - Are they uncorrelated?
 - Is their mutual information zero?

- Mutual information seems to be a powerful metric of dependency
- The origin of mutual information dates back to late 1940s.
- It is based on the concept of entropy from thermodynamics and statistical mechanics from mid 1800s.

• We can define a triple probability space to describe uncertainty of our system

$$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$$

- The outcome of the experiment $w\in \Omega$
- The universal set of possible outcomes $~~\Omega$
- A relevant event A as a collection of outcomes of interest $w \in A$
- The probability of an event *P*(*A*)
- A random variable $X: (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \to (\Re, \mathbb{B}(\Re))$

- Information content of an event $-\log_2(P(A))$ where $A \in \mathcal{F}$
- Average information content of a discrete random variable

$$H(X) = -\sum_{i} p_X(x_i) \log p_X(x_i)$$

• It is the entropy

$$H(X) \ge 0$$

• Differential entropy of a continuous random variable

$$h(X) = -\int_{x} f_X(x) \log f_X(x) dx$$

- Differential entropy can be negative.
- It is best used comparing h(X) and h(Y), hence the concept of differential
- An alternative, formulation

$$I(X;Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$$
$$I(X;Y) = h(Y) - h(Y|X) = h(X) - h(X|Y)$$

Yet another formulation based on a distance measure

- The "distance" between two probability measures (PDF or PMF)
 - Kullback-Leibler distance

$$D_{KL}(f_X||g_X) = \int_x f_X(x) \log \frac{f_X(x)}{g_X(x)} dx$$

 $D_{KL}(f||g) \ge 0$

$$I(X;Y) = D_{KL}(f_{X,Y}||f_Xf_Y)$$

- Recall inference is a critical outcome of many problems in data analysis
- In all inference problems, we have an objective, therefore, we have loss and risk

Loss function

$$\ell:\mathcal{Y}\times\mathcal{Y}\to\Re$$

• Examples are

if
$$\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$$
 then $\ell(y, \hat{y}) = 1$ if $y \neq \hat{y}$
if $\mathcal{Y} = \Re$ then $\ell(y, \hat{y}) = (y - \hat{y})^2$ or $E(Y - \hat{Y})^2$

- Risk of inference
- Finding the output corresponding an input

$$g: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$$

• The performance of a given mapping

$$R(g) = E[\ell(Y, g(X))]$$

• The optimum mapping

$$R^* = \inf_g R(g) = \inf_g E[\ell(Y, g(X))]$$

- Example 2.2
- The connection between estimation and information theory
- Assume data $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)^\top$
 - Data is assumed independent and identically distributed with probability mass function $p_{X_i}(x)$
- The objective:
 - Find a distribution for the data that maximizes the likelihood of the data

• Find the probability mass function that generated the data, that is,

$$p_{X_i}$$
 for observed (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)

- Can data provide a mechanism to find the underling distribution that generated the data?
- Find the model among the set of possible models that maximizes the likelihood of generating the data.

• The maximum likelihood estimate of the probability among a set is

$$\arg\max_{q\in\mathcal{Q}}q_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \arg\max_{q\in\mathcal{Q}}\log q_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \arg\min_{q\in\mathcal{Q}} -\log q_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$$

- q is a possible probability mass function that could have generated the data
 - q is the probability that x = 0
- An appropriate loss function could be the negative log loss

The loss function

$$\ell(y, \hat{y}) = \ell(q, \mathbf{X}) = -\log q_{\mathbf{X}}$$

• The risk

$$R(q) = E[\ell(y, \hat{y})] = E_p[\ell(q, \mathbf{X})] = -E_p[\log q_{\mathbf{X}})]$$
$$= D_{KL}(p||q) + E_p[\ell(p, \mathbf{X})]$$
$$= D_{KL}(p||q) + R(p)$$

- The risk is minimized with q = p
- The minimum risk is

$$R^* = E_p[\ell(p, \mathbf{X})] = H(p)$$

• A specific case is binary independent identically distributed sequence of data

$$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)^\top$$
 with $X_i \in \{0, 1\}$

Ground truth

$$p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = [p_{X_i}(x_i)]^n$$

Find a distribution for the data that maximizes the likelihood of the data

$$\mathbf{x} = (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1)$$

• Since the data samples are independent

$$\arg\max_{q\in\mathcal{Q}}q_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \arg\max_{q\in\mathcal{Q}}\prod_{i=1}^{n}q_{X_{i}}(x_{i})$$

 \mathbf{n}

• Since data are binary

$$\arg\max_{q\in\mathcal{Q}}q_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \arg\max_{q\in[0,1]}q^{l}(1-q)^{(n-l)}$$

• The maximum likelihood estimate of the probability q is derived

$$\frac{d(q^l(1-q)^{(n-l)})}{dq} = 0$$

- The most likely probability is $q^* = \frac{l}{n}$

- In the specific case of $\mathbf{x}=(0,1,0,0,0,1)$
- The ML estimate is $q^*=2/3$
- Obviously the ground truth is not known.
3. Data

- Temporal observations X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n
- Temporal relationships R_{X_i,X_i}
- Spatial observations $X^{(1)}, X^{(2)}, \ldots, X^{(d)}$
- Spatial relationships $R_{X^{(k)},X^{(l)}}$

• 3 illustrative examples of data

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Intracardiac Electrogram Recordings – Catheter Placement



Intracardiac Electrogram Recordings – Catheter Placement



- High right atrial
- His* bundle
- Coronary sinus
- Right ventricle apex

* William His, Junior, a Swiss cardiologist, 1893

- A very different example,
 - Voltage sensitive dye







10 s

• Often recorded data are continuous time signals

$$X_t^{(1)}(w), X_t^{(2)}(w), \dots, X_t^{(d)}(w) \ \forall t \text{ and } w \in \Omega$$

- where w is an outcome of the random experiment and Ω is the set of all outcomes
- Discrete time data is often much more desirable
 - It can be stored
 - It is easy to analyze and process with digital filters

- Continuous time signals can be represented with discrete time data
 - With no loss of information

$$X_t(w) \ \forall t \to X_1(w), X_2(w), \dots, X_n(w)$$

- Sampling
- Projection

Sampling and reconstruction

$$X_t(w) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} X_{nT}(w) \frac{\sin(W[t-nT])}{W(t-nT)}$$

- Where W is the bandwidth of the power spectral density and $T = rac{\pi}{W}$
- The power spectral density of the process is $\ S_X(f) = \mathcal{F}\{R_X(au)\}$
- The autocorrelation is $R_X(\tau) = E\{X_{t+\tau}X_t^*\}$
- The data signal is assumed to be wide sense stationary (wss)

• Example 3.1 : Assume that the process is ideally band limited, that is,

$$S_X(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{2} & \text{if } f \in [-W, W], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• In this example,

$$R_X(\tau) = \frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{2T} \frac{\sin(W\tau)}{W\tau}$$

• Where $T=\frac{\pi}{W}$

• And
$$E[X_{nT}X_{mT}^*] = 0$$
 if $m \neq n$

- If the data signal is wide sense stationary
 - That is,

$$R_X(\tau) = E\{X_{t+\tau}X_t^*\} \ \forall \tau \text{ not a function of } t$$

• The discrete samples carry all the information in the data signal

$$\ldots, X_{-T}, X_0, X_T, X_{2T}, \ldots, X_{nT}$$

• Since we have

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- These samples will be uncorrelated (independent if the signal is Gaussian) if the spectrum is ideally band-limited.
- · No need to carry the sampling period in the notation

$$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)^\top$$

- In general, for band limited processes, the samples are correlated.
- The samples can be made uncorrelated using whitening linear filters.
- Define zero mean process $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)^\top$
- The *n x n* covariance matrix $\Sigma_X = E[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top]$
 - It is square
 - non-negative definite
 - Hermitian matrix

- The covariance matrix $\Sigma_X = E[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top]$
- If the covariance matrix is positive definite
- Linear transformation $\mathbf{Y} = A\mathbf{X}$
- The matrix A could be an *m* x *n* matrix and **Y** will then be *m* x1
- Then, the *m x m* covariance matrix of **Y** is $\Sigma_Y = A \Sigma_X A^\top$
- If $\Sigma_X = CC^{\top}$ then $\mathbf{Y} = C^{-1}\mathbf{X}$ has $\Sigma_Y = I$

• Example 3.2

$$\Sigma_Y = A \Sigma_X A^{\top}$$

$$\Sigma_X = C C^{\top} \text{ then } \mathbf{Y} = C^{-1} \mathbf{X} \text{ has } \Sigma_Y = I$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 12 & -16 \\ 12 & 37 & -43 \\ -16 & -43 & 98 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 19/3 & -5/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$



• Example 3.3





- Example 3.3
 - One interpretation
 - · Different elements of the original data are correlated



- if one element is 1.2 it is very likely that the other element is close to 1.
- When data is whitened, then in the processed data, if one element is 1.2 the other one is still widely distributed
- Still no information is lost

- Sampling "would not work" when the random signal is not wide sense stationary
 - Even if wss, the samples could be, often are, correlated
- Karhunen-Loeve expansion of a more general random signal

$$R_X(t,s) = E[X_t X_s^*]$$

• The autocorrelation

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} R_X(t,s)\alpha_n(s)ds = \lambda_n\alpha_n(t) \;\forall t$$

• Eigenfunctions of the autocorrelation function

- Example 3.4
 - A concept analogous to eigenvectors of a matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2$$
$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1 = 3 \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_2 = 1$$

• The eigenvectors are orthogonal since A is a symmetric matrix

$$<\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2>=0$$
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• Analogous to eigenvectors, eigenfunctions are also orthogonal

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \alpha_n(t) \alpha_m^*(t) dt = \lambda_n \delta_{n,m}$$

$$\delta_{n,m} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = m, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 It is intuitive to expect that the projection of the data signal on these eigenfunctions would be orthogonal and uncorrelated if the random process was zero mean. • Then, we can write

$$X_t(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \alpha_n(t) Z_n(w)$$

• Where $E[Z_n Z_m^*] = \delta_{n,m}$

$$Z_n(w) = \lambda_n^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} X_t(w) \alpha_n^*(t) dt$$

$$\alpha_n(t) = E[X_t Z_n^*] \ \forall t$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \alpha_n(t) \alpha_m^*(t) dt = \lambda_n \delta_{n,m}$$

• Where
$$\delta_{n,m} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 & \text{if } n=m, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

- The information is represented in $Z_0(w), Z_1(w), \ldots, Z_n(w), \ldots$
- The structure is represented in $\ lpha_0(t), lpha_1(t), \ldots, lpha_n(t), \ldots$
- All because we have

$$X_t(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \alpha_n(t) Z_n(w)$$

Similar to sampling

$$X_t(w) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} X_{nT}(w) \frac{\sin(W[t-nT])}{W(t-nT)}$$

• where samples carry all the information



• Projections on eigenfunctions carry all the information



- Assume that the data is discrete time stochastic process
 - Parametric models with a few parameters
 - Gaussian, linear, Poisson, ...
 - Data driven—"model free"
- Discrete valued time series
- Continuous valued time series

Assume the data is

$$X_1^n = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$$
 where $X_i \in \Re$

- Then the mutual information between two time series X_1^n and Y_1^n
 - The dependency of one set of data with another

- Example 3.5
 - Two small sets of data and their dependency

$$I(X_1, X_2; Y_1, Y_2) = I(X_1, X_2; Y_1) + I(X_1, X_2; Y_2|Y_1)$$

• Where

$$I(X_1, X_2; Y_1) = I(X_1; Y_1) + I(X_2; Y_1 | X_1)$$

Recall that

$$I(X_1; Y_1) = h(X_1) - h(X_1|Y_1) = h(Y_1) - h(Y_1|X_1)$$

- Example 3.6
 - Lets start with dependencies between two single random variables *X* and *Y*.

- Example 3.6
- Assume X and Z are each a Gaussian random variable and independent
- The model Y = X + Z, that is, Y is a noisy but direct observation of X

$$I(X;Y) = h(Y) - h(Y|X)$$

$$h(X)$$

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- Note that both X and Z are Gaussian and that $\ h(Y|X) = h(Z)$

$$h(X) = -\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_X^2}} e^{-x^2/2\sigma_X^2} \log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_X^2}} e^{-x^2/2\sigma_X^2}\right) dx$$

$$I(X;Y) = h(Y) - h(Y|X)$$

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$$h(X) = -E_X \left[\log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_X^2}} + \log e^{-X^2/2\sigma_X^2} \right]$$

$$I(X;Y) = h(Y) - h(Y|X)$$

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$$h(X) = \frac{1}{2}\log 2\pi\sigma_X^2 + \frac{E[X^2]}{2\sigma^2}\log e = \frac{1}{2}[\log 2\pi\sigma_X^2 + \log e]$$

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• Note that both X and Z are Gaussian and that h(Y|X) = h(Z) $h(Y) = \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi e [\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Z^2] \qquad h(Y|X) = \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi e \sigma_Z^2$

$$I(X;Y) = \frac{1}{2}\log\left(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}\right)$$



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- Recall

$$R_{X,Y} = E[XY^*]$$
 and $C_{X,Y} = E[XY^*] - E[X]E[Y]^*$

• In this example,

$$R_{X,Y} = E[XY^*] = E[X(X+Z)^*] = E[X(X+Z)] = \sigma_X^2$$

• Compared to,

$$I(X;Y) = \frac{1}{2}\log\left(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}\right)$$

Back to time series

$$X_1^n = (X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n)$$
 where $X_i \in \Re$

- Then the mutual information between two time series X_1^n and Y_1^n

$$I(X_1^n; Y_1^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_1^n; Y_i | Y_1^{i-1})$$

= $I(X_1^n; Y_1) + I(X_1^n; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_1^n; Y_3 | Y_1^2) + \dots$

Also

$$I(X_1^n; Y_1^n) = h(Y_1^n) - h(Y_1^n | X_1^n)$$

- Mutual information of two time series measure general "dependence" of the two time series as a whole
 - No temporal information, no influence, nor causality
- It is often critical to measure causality.
 - One data forecasting or influencing another
 - Stock market
 - Transportation
 - Economics

• In this example it is easy to guess that X causes Y



• In this example it is not easy



Price of Arabica Granger causes price of Robusta



- Grainger causality
 - If signal X causes signal Y then passed values of X should contain information that helps predict Y above and beyond the information contained in past values of Y alone
 - Granger is defined based on a linear model assumption where Z is noise

$$Y_{k+1} = a_0 Y_k + a_1 Y_{k-1} + \ldots + b_0 X_k + b_1 X_{k-1} + \ldots + Z_k$$
$$X_{k+1} = c_0 X_k + c_1 X_{k-1} + \ldots + d_0 Y_k + d_1 Y_{k-1} + \ldots + Z'_k$$

- Example 3.7
- If the relationship were based on a linear autoregressive model

$$X_{k+1} = 0.3X_k + Z'_k$$

$$Y_{k+1} = 0.1Y_k + 0.2X_k + Z_k$$

- Does X cause Y or does Y cause X?
 - Past and current values of X can help better predict the future values of Y

 $Y_{k+1} = a_0 Y_k + a_1 Y_{k-1} + \ldots + b_0 X_k + b_1 X_{k-1} + \ldots + Z_k$

 $X_{k+1} = c_0 X_k + c_1 X_{k-1} + \ldots + d_0 Y_k + d_1 Y_{k-1} + \ldots + Z'_k$

- Testing hypotheses
 - If the coefficients, b's, are zero then X does not Granger cause Y
 - If the coefficients, d's, are zero then Y does not Granger cause X
- Granger causality quantifies the impact of coefficients b's and d's.

 $Y_{k+1} = a_0 Y_k + a_1 Y_{k-1} + \ldots + b_0 X_k + b_1 X_{k-1} + \ldots + Z_k$

$$X_{k+1} = c_0 X_k + c_1 X_{k-1} + \ldots + d_0 Y_k + d_1 Y_{k-1} + \ldots + Z'_k$$

 Test the hypothesis that setting b's to zero increases the residual variance of estimating

$$C_G(X \to Y) = \log \frac{\sigma_{\hat{Y}}^2(\mathbf{0})}{\sigma_{\hat{Y}}^2(\mathbf{b})}$$

$$C_G(Y \to X) = \log \frac{\sigma_{\hat{X}}^2(\mathbf{0})}{\sigma_{\hat{X}}^2(\mathbf{d})}$$

- Shortcomings of Granger casualty
 - The data is assumed to be linearly dependent in time.
 - Autoregressive
 - The two data sets are assumed to be linearly dependent
 - The data sets are assumed to be Gaussian
 - Stationarity is assumed
 - The impact of using Granger on non-stationary data is not known

Recall that mutual information does not capture temporal information

$$I(X_1^n; Y_1^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_1^n; Y_i | Y_1^{i-1})$$

= $I(X_1^n; Y_1) + I(X_1^n; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_1^n; Y_3 | Y_1^2) + \dots$

• A careful adjustment

$$I(X_1^n \to Y_1^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_1^i; Y_i | Y_1^{i-1})$$

= $I(X_1; Y_1) + I(X_1^2; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_1^3; Y_3 | Y_1^2) + \dots$

- Directed information is a measure of causality in relation between X and Y
 - It is a universal quantity measuring
 - influence
 - predictability
 - information flow

• Example 3.8

$$Y_n = X_n + Z_n$$

• with i.i.d.

$$X_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_X^2)$$

$$Z_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

independent

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$$Y_n = X_n + Z_n$$

$$\begin{split} I(X_1^n \to Y_1^n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_1^i; Y_i | Y_1^{i-1}) \\ &= I(X_1; Y_1) + I(X_1^2; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_1^3; Y_3 | Y_1^2) + \dots \\ &= I(X_1; Y_1) + I(X_1; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_2; Y_2 | Y_1, X_1) + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) + 0 + \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) + \dots \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) \end{split}$$

 $Z_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_Z^2)$

$$Y_n = X_n + Z_n$$

$$\begin{split} I(X_1^n \to Y_1^n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_1^i; Y_i | Y_1^{i-1}) \\ &= I(X_1; Y_1) + I(X_1^2; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_1^3; Y_3 | Y_1^2) + \dots \\ &= I(X_1; Y_1) + I(X_1; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_2; Y_2 | Y_1, X_1) + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) + 0 + \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) + \dots \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) \end{split}$$

$$Z_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

• The normalized, per time, mutual information and directed information

•

$$Y_n = X_n + Z_n$$

$$I(X \to Y) = I(Y \to X) = I(X;Y) = \frac{1}{2}\log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2})$$

• Example 3.9

$$Y_n = X_{n-1} + Z_n$$

• With i.i.d.

$$X_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_X^2)$$

$$Z_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

independent

$$Y_n = X_{n-1} + Z_n$$

• With i.i.d.

$$X_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_X^2)$$

$$Z_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_Z^2)$$

independent $Z_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_Z^2)$ $Y_n = X_{n-1} + Z_n$

$$\begin{split} \dot{I(X_1^n \to Y_1^n)} &= \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_1^i; Y_i | Y_1^{i-1}) \\ &= I(X_1; Y_1) + I(X_1^2; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_1^3; Y_3 | Y_1^2) + \dots \\ &= I(X_1; Y_1) + I(X_1; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_2; Y_2 | Y_1, X_1) + \dots \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) + 0 + \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) + \dots \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) \end{split}$$

independent $Z_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_Z^2)$ $Y_n = X_{n-1} + Z_n$

$$\begin{split} I(X_1^n \to Y_1^n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_1^i; Y_i | Y_1^{i-1}) \\ &= I(X_1; Y_1) + I(X_1^2; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_1^3; Y_3 | Y_1^2) + \dots \\ &= I(X_1; Y_1) + I(X_1; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_2; Y_2 | Y_1, X_1) + \dots \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) + 0 + \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) + \dots \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2}) \end{split}$$

 $Z_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_Z^2)$

$$Y_n = X_{n-1} + Z_n$$

ullet

$$I(Y_1^n \to X_1^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(Y_1^i; X_i | X_1^{i-1})$$

= $I(Y_1; X_1) + I(Y_1^2; X_2 | X_1) + I(Y_1^3; X_3 | X_1^2) + \dots$
= $I(Y_1; X_1) + I(Y_1; X_2 | X_1) + I(Y_2; X_2 | X_1, Y_1) + \dots$
= $0 + 0 + \dots$

 $Z_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_Z^2)$

$$Y_n = X_{n-1} + Z_n$$

ullet

$$I(Y_1^n \to X_1^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(Y_1^i; X_i | X_1^{i-1})$$

= $I(Y_1; X_1) + I(Y_1^2; X_2 | X_1) + I(Y_1^3; X_3 | X_1^2) + \dots$
= $I(Y_1; X_1) + I(Y_1; X_2 | X_1) + I(Y_2; X_2 | X_1, Y_1) + \dots$
= $0 + 0 + \dots$

 $Z_n \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma_Z^2)$

Recall

$$Y_n = X_{n-1} + Z_n$$

• then

$$I(X \to Y) = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_Z^2})$$
$$I(Y \to X) = 0$$

- In these two examples Granger causality and directed information result in similar measures
 - Since time series are
 - Linearly related
 - Gaussian
- It is not clear if Granger causality is the right metric in the coffee price example since the linearity model may or may not be valid.

• A nonlinear model

$$Y_k = \beta_1 X_k^2 + \beta_2 X_{k-1}^2 + Z_k$$

- where Z is Gaussian noise
- Can X help predict Y?
- Can Y help predict X?
- How about in these cases?

$$Y_k = X_k^2 + Z_k$$
 or $Y_k = X_{k-1}^2 + Z_k$

• A nonlinear model

$$Y_k = \beta_1 X_k^2 + \beta_2 X_{k-1}^2 + Z_k$$

• where Z is Gaussian noise



- Directed information is a measure of causality in relation between X and Y
 - It is a universal quantity measuring
 - Influence
 - Predictability
 - Information flow
 - Another important metric of relation between time series

- Coherence
 - Another concept measuring relationship between two data sets
 - Consider two zero mean random vectors X and Y
 - The cross correlation is defined as

$$R_{X,Y}(m,m') = E[X_m Y_{m'}^*]$$

• If the series are jointly wide sense stationary

$$R_{X,Y}(m,m') = R_{X,Y}(m-m')$$

• The cross power spectral density is defined as

$$S_{X,Y}(f) = \mathcal{F}\{R_{X,Y}(k)\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{X,Y}(k)e^{j2\pi kf}$$

Recall autocorrelation of a time series is

$$R_X(m,m') = E[X_m X_{m'}^*]$$

• If the times series is wide sense stationary then

$$R_X(m,m') = R_X(m-m')$$

• The power spectral density is

$$S_X(f) = \mathcal{F}\{R_X(k)\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} R_X(k)e^{j2\pi kf}$$

• The coherence at a given frequency between two time series is defined as

$$C_{X,Y}(f) = \frac{|S_{X,Y}(f)|^2}{S_X(f)S_Y(f)}$$

- The coherence estimates the extend that Y can be predicted by X using optimum linear estimator
- It can be shown that $0 \leq C_{X,Y}(f) \leq 1$
- If Y is a noiseless linear function of time series X, i.e., Y = h * X, what is the coherence between X and Y?
• If Y is a linear estimator of X, then $Y = h^* X$ with no noise then

$$S_{X,Y}(f) = H(f)S_X(f)$$
 and $S_Y(f) = |H(f)|^2 S_X(f)$

- And the coherence is 1.
- Any nonlinearity or noise in the system will reduce the coherence.
- Reduction in information or estimation accuracy due to nonlinearity or noise at a given frequency

$$1 - C_{X,Y}(f)$$

- Example 3.10
 - A linear system where Y = h * X + Z where Z is noise
 - The filter is a 33 tap bandpass filter between [0.15, 0.35] normalized frequencies
 - How effectively can X at frequency 2.5 be estimated from Y?



- Example 3.11
 - Two nonlinearly related signals, assume f = 4 Hz

$$X_i = A\cos(2\pi f i + \theta) \; \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$
$$Y_i = X_i^2 + Z_i$$

• Are X and Y coherent at frequency 4 Hz?

- Mutual information quantifies relationship between data sets
 - Ignores relative timing and causality
 - Ignores frequency content of the data

$$I(X_1^n; Y_1^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_1^n; Y_i | Y_1^{i-1})$$

= $I(X_1^n; Y_1) + I(X_1^n; Y_2 | Y_1) + I(X_1^n; Y_3 | Y_1^2) + \dots$

- In many scenarios the frequency content of the data is a critical element in the analysis or inference
 - Data from music
 - Auditory neurological data
 - Neurological data in different frequency bands have different significances
 - Alpha, theta, beta, gamma, and high gamma bands

• Mutual information in frequency

$$MI_{X,Y}(f_i, f_j) = I(d\tilde{X}_{f_i}; d\tilde{Y}_{f_j})$$

That is, mutual information between Fourier transforms of the two time series

$$X_{i} = \int_{0}^{1} e^{j2\pi i f} d\tilde{X}_{f}$$
$$Y_{i} = \int_{0}^{1} e^{j2\pi i f} d\tilde{Y}_{f}$$

• Here *i* = 1, 2, ..., *n*

$$X_i = \int_0^1 e^{j2\pi i f} d\tilde{X}_f$$

 $X_1^n = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ is the recoded data and \tilde{X}_f for $f \in [0, 1]$ is spectral representation of data

- Note that mutual information can be computed for any data set with time as the index or frequency or space.
- It has been shown that when X and Y have a linear relationship then

$$MI_{X,Y}(f,f) = I(d\tilde{X}_f; d\tilde{Y}_f) = -\log[1 - C_{X,Y}(f)]$$

Note that coherence was defined for linear systems as

$$C_{X,Y}(f) = \frac{|S_{X,Y}(f)|^2}{S_X(f)S_Y(f)}$$

 Since it is related to mutual information in frequency it can be generalized to any data sets

$$MI_{X,Y}(f,f) = I(d\tilde{X}_f; d\tilde{Y}_f) = -\log[1 - C_{X,Y}(f)]$$



• Note that for range of frequencies, similar to time periods, the mutual information in frequency is defined as

$$MI_{X,Y}(f,f') = I(d\tilde{X}_{f_1}^{f_n}; d\tilde{Y}_{f'_1}^{f'_n})$$

- Example 3.12
 - A linear system where Y = h * X + Z where Z is noise
 - The filter is a 33 tap bandpass filter between [0.15, 0.35] normalized frequencies
 - The mutual information between X and Y



- Example 3.13
 - Two nonlinearly related signals, assume f = 4 Hz

$$X_i = A\cos(2\pi f i + \theta) \ \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$
$$Y_i = X_i^2 + Z_i$$



- Example 3.14
- An experiment with no known ground truth
- A visual task, one trial, one monkey, non-matched (rotated image)



Time -----

- Local field potential recordings from visual cortex about 500 trials
- Increase in Coherency between recorded time series

ATheta band (3-8 Hz)

- Matched trials
- As the 2nd scene is processed



4. Frameworks for Learning from Data

- Parametric models
 - Accuracy of the model
 - Complexity of the model
 - Linear
 - Gaussian
 - Poisson

- Non-parametric, data driven, model free, universal, ...
 - Issues
 - The size of the data
 - Relevance of the data
 - Overfitting
 - Merits
 - Not limited by the model

- Generate sufficient amount of data
 - to explore relevant features of the physical system
 - to use the features to manipulate the system



5. Estimating Key Statistical Metrics from Data

- A critical step for
 - Model based
 - Data driven
 - Estimating correlation, dependencies, coherence, and other measures among recordings, i.e., time series

Entropy of discrete valued random variables

$$H(X) = -\sum_{i} p_X(x_i) \log p_X(x_i)$$

- Estimating the entropy
 - Plugin estimator

$$\hat{H}_n(X) = -\sum_{a=1}^A \hat{p}_a \log \hat{p}_a \text{ where } \hat{p}_a = \frac{\# \text{ occurrences of symbol } a}{n}$$
$$x_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, A\}$$

- The random variables are assumed independent and identically distributed (i.i.d)
- It can be shown that

$$E\{[\hat{H}_n(X) - H(X)]^2\} = O(\frac{1}{n})$$

.

- The binary random variables.
- The random variables are assumed independent and identically distributed (i.i.d)

$$\hat{H}_n(X) = -\hat{p}_0 \log \hat{p}_0 - \hat{p}_1 \log \hat{p}_1$$

• The binary random variables. $\hat{H}_n(X) = -\hat{p}_0 \log -\hat{p}_1 \log \hat{p}_1$

$$\hat{p}_0 = \frac{\text{\# of occurrences of symbol } 0}{n}$$
$$\hat{p}_1 = \frac{\text{\# of occurrences of symbol } 1}{n}$$

• Example with

 $\mathbf{x} = (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1)$

$$\hat{H}_n(X) = \frac{2}{3}\log\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\log3$$







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- What are the statistical properties of firing of each neuron?
- Are the spikes in different neurons related?
- Is one neuron's spike excites another neuron to spike?
- Is one neuron's spike inhibits another neuron from firing?
- What is the anatomical connectivity graph of these neurons?
- What is the functional connectivity graph of these neurons?







- Neurons do not independently fire and their spike probabilities are not identically distributed
 - The stimulus and the functionality is coded in the spike pattern of a population of neurons

• In many physical systems, the data symbols in time are not independent or identically distributed.

$$p_{X_i}(x) \neq p_{X_j}(x) \text{ or } p_{X_i|s}(x) \neq p_{X_i}(x)$$

- Here s is the context, that is the past observed values
- Krichevsky–Trofimov (KT) estimator is a powerful technique to estimate probability of sequences.
 - For discrete valued data
 - Data driven with no assumptions on independence and identically distributed symbols









that 1/2 fudge parameter times the size of the alphabet

$$p(X_3 = 0 | X_1 = 0, X_2 = 1) = \frac{0 + 1/2}{0 + 1} = 1/2$$








• After a few steps, a familiar context appears





- If data was assumed to be i.i.d.
 - Best estimate of probability of zero = 5/8
- Without i.i.d assumption and with our context
 - Best estimate of probability of zero = 1/2
 - If the context was a little different in one value
 - Best estimate of probability of zero = 1/4









• A universal method to compute the joint probability

$$\hat{p}_{\mathbf{X}} = \hat{p}_{X_{n}|X_{1}^{(n-1)}} \hat{p}_{X_{1}^{(n-1)}} = \hat{p}_{X_{n}|X_{1}^{(n-1)}} \hat{p}_{X_{(n-1)}|X_{1}^{(n-2)}} \hat{p}_{X_{1}^{(n-2)}}$$
$$= \hat{p}_{X_{n}|X_{1}^{(n-1)}} \hat{p}_{X_{(n-1)}|X_{1}^{(n-2)}} \dots \hat{p}_{X_{2}|X_{1}} \hat{p}_{X_{1}}$$

• Where $X_1^n = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$

- The density estimator
 - The KT algorithm
 - The tree structure
 - Converges to the true density
- Plugin estimator

$$\hat{H}(\mathbf{X}) = -\sum_{i \in \{1,...,n\}} \hat{p}_{\mathbf{X}} \log \hat{p}_{\mathbf{X}}$$

Entropy of continuous valued random variables

$$h(X) = -\int_{x} f_X(x) \log f_X(x) dx$$

- Estimating the entropy
 - Plugin estimator
 - How does Histogram estimate perform?

- Example 5.5
- Data:

93.5,93,60.8,94.5,82,87.5,91.5,99.5,86,93.5,92.5,78,76,69,94.5,89.5,92.8,78,6 5.5,98,98.5,92.3,95.5,76,91,95,61.4,96,90



- Histogram of data
- Data:

93.5,93,60.8,94.5,82,87.5,91.5,99.5,86,93.5,92.5,78,76,69,94.5,89.5,92.8,78,6 5.5,98,98.5,92.3,95.5,76,91,95,61.4,96,90



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Entropy of continuous valued random variables

$$h(X) = -\int_{x} f_X(x) \log f_X(x) dx$$

- Estimating the entropy
 - Plugin estimator
 - Histogram estimator performs poorly for high dimensional data
 - Extreme dependence on bin size, even in one dimensional data

$$\mathbf{X}_1^n = (\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n)$$
 where $\mathbf{X}_i \in \Re^d$

- Kernel density estimation (Parzen's window)
 - Based on *n* samples of *d* dimensional data

$$\mathbf{X}_1^n = (\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n)$$
 where $\mathbf{X}_i \in \Re^d$

- The concept:
 - Consider the probability of a mass in a region

$$P = \int_{A} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

• That is, the probability of a point being inside of area A



- The concept:
 - Consider the probability "mass" in a region

$$P = \int_A f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

- That is, the probability of **x** being inside of area A
- The total number of data points is *n*
- The probability of *k* points being inside region A is P^k

$$P = \int_A f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

- The total number of data points is n
- Probability of k out of n be inside region A is

$$\Pr(n,k) = \binom{n}{k} P^k (1-P)^{n-k}$$

$$P = \int_A f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

• For large *n*, the (average) number of points inside the region

$$k \approx nP$$

If the region is assumed to be small then the density will be approximately constant

$$P \approx f_{\mathbf{X}} V_A$$

where V_A is the volume of A

$$P = \int_A f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

• If the region is assumed small then the density will be approximately constant

$$P \approx f_{\mathbf{X}} V_A$$

 The probability density function over a small region, however, with enough points inside is

$$f_{\mathbf{X}} \approx \frac{k}{nV_A}$$

- If we fix the volume and determine k from the data
 - We will have KDE (Parzen's window)
- If we fix k and determine the volume
 - We will have K-nearest neighbor (k-NN)

Recall the density was approximated as

$$f_{\mathbf{X}} \approx \frac{k}{nV_A}$$

• Then, in KDE the volume is fixed. Example of fixed volume hypercube

$$K(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |x^{(m)}| \le 1/2, m = 1, 2, \dots, d \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• If the data falls inside the cube it counts as one.

• If the region was a hypercube with side *h* then

$$K(\frac{\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X_i}}{h})$$
 will be 1

- Since the point \mathbf{X}_i is inside the hypercube
- Then, the total number of data points inside the kernel is

$$k = \sum_{i=1}^{n} K(\frac{\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{i}}}{h})$$

- Example 5.6
- An illustrative example











$$f_{\mathbf{X}} \approx \frac{k}{nV_A}$$

• The KDE
$$\hat{f}_h(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{nh^d} \sum_{i=1}^n K(\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i}{h})$$

- Using hypercube has similar rough boundaries as histogram approach does
- A candidate kernel is Gaussian

$$K(x) \propto e^{-x^2}$$

- Example 5.7
- KDE example with small *h*



• Moderately small h



• Mid range value of h


• Large h



- The parameter *h* controls smoothness of resulting estimate
 - Choice of *h* is critical
 - There are still issues with KDE
 - Large dimensions
 - We can not guarantee to have enough points in each area A

- K nearest neighbor is a powerful alternative to KDE
 - With k-NN, we fix the number of points in a region
 - The k-NN estimate is

$$f_{\mathbf{X}} \approx \frac{k}{nV_A}$$

 $\hat{f}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{k}{nV}$ with V as the volume with k points

• For a point **x** to calculate density of the random vector at **x**, that is, $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$

The distance
$$D_i = ||{\bf x} - {\bf x}_i||_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{m=1}^d (x^{(m)} - x^{(m)}_i)^2}$$

Choose k nearest neighbors among all points



- For a point **x** to calculate density of the random vector at **x**, that is, $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$
- Choose 3 nearest neighbors among all points then calculate the volume

$$\hat{f}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{k}{nV}$$
 with V as the volume with k points



- Blue density is the ground truth
- Red is the k-NN estimated density





These are examples of two density estimators as plugins for estimating

• Entropy
$$\hat{h}(X) = -\int_{X} \hat{f}_{X}(x) \log \hat{f}_{X}(x) dx$$

- Mutual information $\hat{I}(X;Y) = \hat{h}(X) \hat{h}(X|Y)$
- Directed information

$$\hat{I}(X_1^n \to Y_1^n) = \hat{h}(Y_1^n) - \hat{h}(Y_1^n || X_1^n)$$

Coherence and mutual information in frequency

$$MI_{X,Y}(f,f) = I(d\tilde{X}_f; d\tilde{Y}_f) = -\log[1 - C_{X,Y}(f)]$$

Summary for Set I

- A probabilistic approach to dealing with recorded signals and data
- Avoid unnecessary assumption of a model
- Data driven techniques to estimate features in data
 - correlation, dependence, causality, coherence