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# Inducing Clusters Deep Kernel Gaussian Process for Longitudinal Data

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#### Examples of Longitudinal Data and their Applications







# Predictive Modeling for Longitudinal Data



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#### Motivation and Research Goals

In longitudinal study, it is common to see abrupt changes that seemingly indicates a discontinuous curve due to various reasons.

#### Challenges with H-D longitudinal data

- Kernel learning is difficult when training data is limited.
- Most existing works rely on kernels that embeds a continuous/finite differentiable functional space.







Figure 2: Real world examples of non-smooth outcome transitions over time from the observations for a single individual.





# Problem Definition

• Goal: Make accurate outcome prediction while accounting for the complex, unknown multilevel data correlation.

 $\succ$  Learn  $p(\mathbf{y}|X) \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , make prediction using  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ , estimate correlation using  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ 

$$p(\mathbf{y}|X) = \int p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) p(\mathbf{f}|X) d\mathbf{f}$$
$$(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) \sim N(\mathbf{f}, \sigma^2 I)$$
$$f \sim f_\perp + \mathcal{GP}(\mathbf{0}, k_\theta)$$





#### Proposed Method

Decompose the GP into a deterministic mean function and a zero-mean GP with deep kernel



 $f_{\perp}$ : State-space mean function

 $g_{\theta}$ : Inducing Clusters GP





# Inducing Clusters Explained

- Inducing clusters = Inducing points + Interpretation
  - Inducing points reduces the computational complexity of GP
  - Interpretation cares about the structure of the input data and tries to force inducing points to locate at the cluster centers of the input data







# Constraint ELBO for Proposed Method

 $\log p(\boldsymbol{y}) \ge \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u})}[\log p(\boldsymbol{y}|\mathbf{f})] - \mathrm{KL}[q(\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u})||p(\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u})] \quad (3)$ 

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{X}\\\boldsymbol{\mu}_{Z}\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}K_{XX} & K_{XZ}\\K_{XZ}^{\top} & K_{ZZ}\end{bmatrix}\right)$$
(4)

$$q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_X + A(m_z - \boldsymbol{\mu}_Z) \\ m_Z \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} V & AS \\ SA^\top & S \end{bmatrix}\right)$$
(5)

where  $A = K_{XZ}K_{ZZ}^{-1}$ ,  $V = K_{XX} - AK_{XZ}^{\top} + ASA^{\top}$ . Since

we have two intuitions:

*K<sub>ZZ</sub>*, *S* both almost diagonal
 *K<sub>XZ</sub>*, *AS* both almost row-wise single-entry

$$\underset{\Theta}{\operatorname{arg\,max}\,} \mathcal{L}_{1} = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u})}[\log p(\boldsymbol{y}|\mathbf{f})] - \operatorname{KL}[q(\mathbf{u})||p(\mathbf{u})] \qquad (6)$$
  
s.t. 
$$\max \operatorname{diag}(BB^{\top}) \leq \epsilon, \quad \max \operatorname{diag}(CC^{\top}) \leq \epsilon \qquad (6a)$$

where  $B = K_{ZZ} - \text{diag}(K_{ZZ}), C = K_{XZ} - D \circ$   $K_{XZ}$  with D as a masking matrix defined by  $D_{xz} =$  $\begin{cases} 1, \quad D_{xz} = \max_j D_{xj} \\ 0, \quad \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . Here,  $\epsilon$  is a hyperparameter that

specifies the threshold for the constraints; and ' $\circ$ ' denotes the Hadamard (element-wise) product. Solving the constrained optimization problem in (6) is hard because the masking matrix D has zero gradients everywhere. Hence, in what follows, we introduce a relaxed version of (6).





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# Relaxed Constraint ELBO

• Consider redefining the representation of X by soft mapping from its closest inducing points Original:  $e(x) = e_{\gamma}(x)$ Now:  $\hat{e}(x) = s_{xz^*}e(z^*) + (1 - s_{xz^*})e(x)$ 

$$\underset{\Theta}{\operatorname{arg\,max}\,} \mathcal{L}_{1} = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u})}[\log p(\boldsymbol{y}|\mathbf{f})] - \operatorname{KL}[q(\mathbf{u})||p(\mathbf{u})] \quad (6)$$

$$\underset{\Theta}{\operatorname{s.t.}} \max \operatorname{diag}(BB^{\top}) \leq \epsilon, \quad \max \operatorname{diag}(CC^{\top}) \leq \epsilon \atop (6a) \quad (6a) \quad (6b) \quad$$





#### Theoretical Analysis on Relaxed Constraint ELBO

- Lemma 1. Solution of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is feasible for  $\mathcal{L}_1$  when  $\eta \to 0$ .
- Lemma 2.  $\mathcal{L}_2$  converges to  $\mathcal{L}_1$  when training data form apparent Mixture of Gaussian (MoG) distributions around the latent space  $e(\mathcal{X})$ .
- Lemma 1 defines the worst-case scenario while Lemma 2 defines the best-case scenario







# Experiment Questions

- RC1. How does performance of ICDKGP compare with SOTA LDA baselines?
- RC2. Can ICDKGP better recover complex correlation structure in longitudinal data?
- RC3. To what extent does the performance of ICDKGP depend on the mean function and inducing clusters?





# Data sets and Baselines

- Data:
  - Simulated data.
  - Three real-world data sets.
- Baselines:

Datasets	N	Ι	P
Simulated	1600	40	30
SWAN	28405	3300	137
GSS	59599	4510	1553
TADPOLE	8771	1681	24

- Conventional longitudinal models: GLMM; GEE
- State-of-the-art longitudinal models: LMLFM; L-DKGPR
- Gaussian Process models: SKIPGP, SVGP, DSVGP





#### Answering RC1.

Target Type	Method	LC LC	MC(C = 2)	MC(C = 3)	MC(C = 4)	MC(C = 5)
Smooth	ICDKGP	84.2±2.9	99.5±0.5	99.5±0.3	99.5±0.3	99.6±0.3
	L-DKGPR	86.0±0.2	$91.3 \pm 0.2$	99.6±0.2	<b>99.8</b> ±0.2	<b>99.8±0.2</b>
	LMLFM	54.7±15.1	-138.3±121.9	$-48.3 \pm 123.6$	$22.6 \pm 49.0$	$36.2 \pm 41.1$
	SVGP	$78.5 \pm 3.1$	$-102.7 \pm 83.1$	$-102.7 \pm 83.1$	$-51.6 \pm 41.5$	$-36.4 \pm 35.2$
	DSVGP	51.1±10.9	-138.3±126.4	$-30.6 \pm 21.3$	$-27.4 \pm 27.8$	$-5.8 \pm 3.3$
	SKIPGP	$17.4 \pm 40.6$	$-104.9 \pm 86.5$	$-67.2 \pm 36.1$	$-85.0 \pm 40.2$	$-77.3 \pm 36.9$
	GLMM	5.3±27.9	-656.3±719.8	$-801.4 \pm 507.4$	-684.1±491.3	$-528.7 \pm 313.5$
	GEE	59.0±24.5	$-636.1 \pm 606.0$	$-703.6 \pm 465.8$	$-665.6 \pm 554.3$	$-516.5 \pm 457.5$
Non-smooth	ICDKGP	84.2±5.2	89.1±0.5	89.6±2.9	92.0±5.4	93.1±3.2
	L-DKGPR	$76.8 \pm 17.8$	$62.7 \pm 41.9$	$75.0{\pm}12.0$	$89.6 \pm 5.5$	$83.4{\pm}7.8$
	LMLFM	$76.4 \pm 8.8$	$70.8 \pm 1.9$	$69.4 \pm 3.6$	$73.1 \pm 4.6$	$69.2 \pm 7.3$
	SVGP	69.2±13.6	$31.2{\pm}20.4$	$26.0{\pm}28.7$	$19.3 \pm 26.3$	$10.2 \pm 19.9$
	DSVGP	78.5±16.9	$35.0{\pm}28.0$	$31.5 \pm 29.6$	$20.7 \pm 30.3$	$9.7{\pm}24.5$
	SKIPGP	68.4±13.5	$31.2{\pm}20.1$	$28.1 \pm 25.0$	$19.8 {\pm} 25.5$	$12.1 \pm 18.2$
	GLMM	66.8±15.9	$18.7 \pm 26.0$	$11.4 \pm 38.4$	$1.9{\pm}30.6$	$-10.9 \pm 27.1$
	GEE	$71.6 \pm 14.9$	$29.3 \pm 24.6$	$25.8{\pm}28.8$	$17.7 \pm 30.1$	$5.0{\pm}23.6$

Table 1: Regression accuracy  $R^2$  (%) comparison on simulated data over different correlation structures.

Data sets	N	Ι	P	ICDKGP	L-DKGPR	LMLFM	SVGP	DSVGP	SKIPGP	GLMM	GEE
$TADPOLE^S$	595	50	24	53.8±5	$44.0 \pm 6$	8.7±5	-0.5±4	-1.7±5	-6.7±26	$50.8\pm6$	-11.4±5
$\mathbf{SWAN}^S$	550	50	137	<b>47.9</b> ±4	$46.8 {\pm} 5$	$38.6 \pm 4$	$-24.3 \pm 8$	$19.9 \pm 3$	$-36.8 \pm 10$	$40.1 \pm 8$	$46.4 \pm 8$
$\mathbf{GSS}^S$	1.5K	50	1.6K	25.3±3	$19.1 \pm 4$	$15.3 \pm 1$	$8.9 \pm 6$	$6.0{\pm}13$	NI	NC	$-4.6 \pm 4$
TADPOLE <sup>L</sup>	8.7K	1.7K	24	63.1±2	64.9±1	$10.4 \pm 1$	$21.3 \pm 1$	$14.1 \pm 4$	OOM	61.9±2	17.6±1
$SWAN^L$	28.4K	3.3K	137	54.2±0	$52.5\pm0$	$48.6 \pm 2$	$46.4 \pm 0$	$46.1 \pm 1$	OOM	NC	NC
$\mathbf{GSS}^L$	59.6K	4.5K	1.6K	56.4±1	56.9±0	$54.8 \pm 2$	$55.6\pm0$	$45.8 \pm 4$	OOM	NC	NC

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#### Answering RC2.



Figure 3: Recovering correlation structure: Comparison of IDDKGP with SOTA baselines on simulated data.

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#### Answering RQ3.

Data	ICDKGP	DKGP		DKGI	Mean		
sets	M=10	M=10	M=100	M=10	M=100	Function	
TADPOLE <sup>L</sup>	63.1±1.8	60.7±3.9	$60.2 \pm 4.1$	58.9±3.1	61.7±3.4	57.1±3.9	
$\mathbf{SWAN}^L$	54.2±0.2	54.4±0.5	54.8±0.8	$43.3 \pm 3.8$	$52.8{\pm}0.9$	53.9±0.6	
$\mathbf{GSS}^L$	56.4±0.9	$53.9 \pm 1.3$	$53.7 \pm 1.2$	$48.2 \pm 10.2$	$51.9 \pm 5.4$	$54.8{\pm}0.7$	



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## Conclusions & Future Works

- We proposed ICDKGP to handle longitudinal data with smooth/nonsmooth outcomes
- We introduce and formulate inducing clusters, featuring interpretability of inducing points related technique.
- Future works
  - Show the broad applicability of inducing clusters by applying it to general ML problems.





# Thanks for your attention!

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