



Covariance Models Based on Local Interaction (Spartan) Functionals

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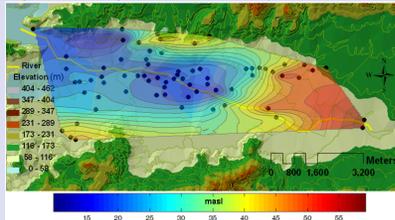
Environmental Applications

- Need for flexible positive-definite kernel functions [Genton, 2002]
- Faster interpolation and simulation methods for “big data”

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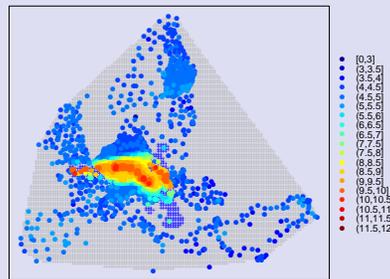
Groundwater monitoring

Groundwater level estimation in sparsely monitored basins [Varouchakis and Hristopoulos, 2013];
Spatiotemporal variability estimates



Response to environmental threats

Radioactivity monitoring and emergency warning system [Dubois et al., 2011]



Applications in Mineral Reserves Estimation

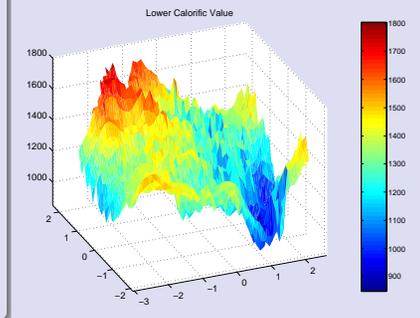
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Fluctuation-Gradient-Curvature (FGC) SSRF

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- Gibbs probability density function (PDF)

$$f[\phi(\mathbf{s})] = \frac{e^{-\mathcal{H}[\phi(\mathbf{s})]}}{Z}, \quad \mathcal{H}[\phi(\mathbf{s})]: \text{energy functional,}$$

- FGC energy functional - for simplicity assume $\mathbb{E}[\phi(\mathbf{s})] = 0$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{fgc}}[\phi(\mathbf{s})] = \frac{1}{2\eta_0\xi^d} \int_{\mathcal{D}} d\mathbf{s} \left\{ [\phi(\mathbf{s})]^2 + \eta_1 \xi^2 [\nabla\phi(\mathbf{s})]^2 + \xi^4 [\nabla^2\phi(\mathbf{s})]^2 \right\}$$

- Correlation (covariance) function: $G(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbb{E}[\phi(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{r})\phi(\mathbf{s})]$
- Properties:** Gaussian, zero-mean, stationary, isotropic SRF

FGC-SSRF Coefficients

η_0 : scale, η_1 : stiffness, ξ : characteristic length; k_c : spectral cutoff



FGC-SSRF Covariance & Spectral Density

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- Covariance:** $G(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbb{E}[\phi(\mathbf{s})\phi(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{r})]$. Fourier transform pair:

$$\tilde{G}(\mathbf{k}) = \int d\mathbf{r} e^{-j\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} G(\mathbf{r}), \quad G(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int d\mathbf{k} e^{j\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \tilde{G}(\mathbf{k}).$$

- Covariance spectral density:**

$$\tilde{G}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\mathbb{1}_{k_c \geq \kappa}(\kappa) \eta_0 \xi^d}{1 + \eta_1 \kappa^2 \xi^2 + \kappa^4 \xi^4}, \quad \kappa = \|\mathbf{k}\|, \quad \mathbb{1}_B(\cdot): \text{indicator function,}$$

- Permissibility conditions (Bochner's theorem)** Hristopulos [2003]:

For any k_c :

$$\eta_0 > 0, \xi > 0, \eta_1 > -2$$

For finite k_c :

$$\eta_1 < -2, \text{ if } k_c \xi < \sqrt{\frac{|\eta_1| - \Delta}{2}}$$

$$\Delta = \sqrt{\eta_1^2 - 4}$$



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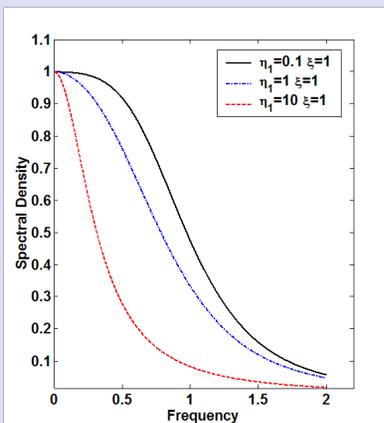
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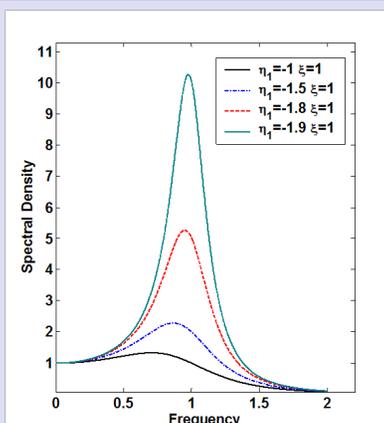
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SPD: Positive stiffness



SPD: Negative stiffness



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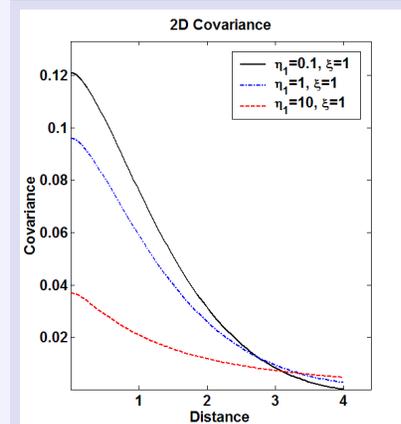
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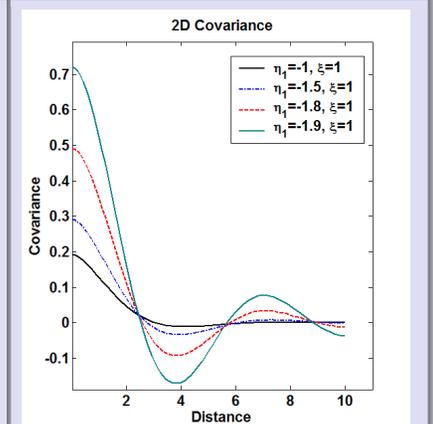
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Covariance (d = 2): Positive stiffness



Covariance (d = 2): Negative stiffness





Spectral Representation of Covariance Functions

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Spectral Representation (Inverse Hankel transform)

- For isotropic covariance functions the following holds: [Schoenberg, 1938]

$$G(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\eta_0 \xi^d \|\mathbf{r}\|}{(2\pi \|\mathbf{r}\|)^{d/2}} \int_0^{k_c} d\kappa \frac{\kappa^{d/2} J_{d/2-1}(\kappa \|\mathbf{r}\|)}{1 + \eta_1 (\kappa \xi)^2 + (\kappa \xi)^4}$$

- $J_{d/2-1}(\|\mathbf{r}\|)$: Bessel function of the first kind of order $d/2 - 1$
- For $k_c \rightarrow \infty$ (limit of infinite UV cutoff) the spectral integral exists for $d \leq 3$

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Unlimited band, $k_c \rightarrow \infty$ [Hristopulos and Elogne, 2007]

$$G(h) = \frac{\eta_0}{4} e^{-h\beta_2} \left[\frac{\cos(h\beta_1)}{\beta_2} + \frac{\sin(h\beta_1)}{\beta_1} \right], \quad |\eta_1| < 2$$

$$G(h) = \eta_0 \frac{(1+h)}{4 e^h}, \quad \eta_1 = 2$$

$$G(h) = \frac{\eta_0}{2\Delta} \left(\frac{e^{-h\omega_1}}{\omega_1} - \frac{e^{-h\omega_2}}{\omega_2} \right), \quad \eta_1 > 2$$

- $h = |\mathbf{r}|/\xi$: normalized lag,
- $\beta_{1,2} = \left(\frac{|2 \mp \eta_1|}{4} \right)^{1/2}$, $\omega_{1,2} = \left(\frac{|\eta_1 \mp \Delta|}{2} \right)^{1/2}$, $\Delta = |\eta_1^2 - 4|^{1/2}$

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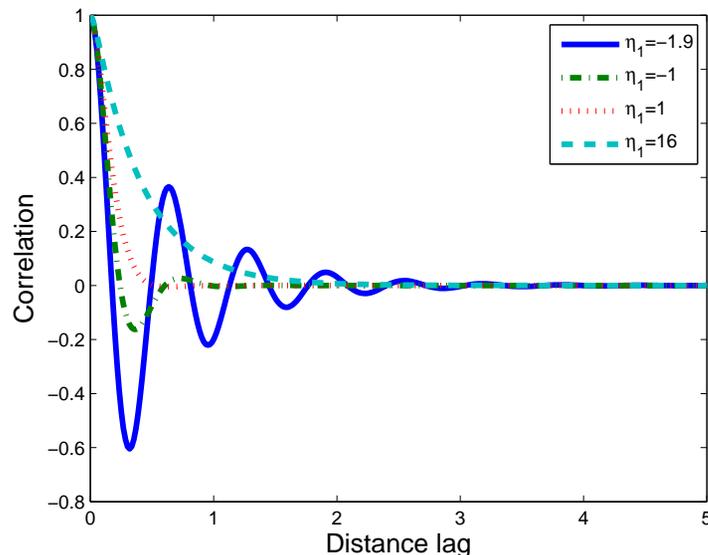
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Unlimited band, $k_c \rightarrow \infty$ [Hristopulos, 2013]

$$G(h) = \frac{\eta_0 \Im [K_0(h z_+)]}{\pi \sqrt{4 - \eta_1^2}}, \quad |\eta_1| < 2$$

$$G(h) = \left(\frac{\eta_0 h}{4\pi} \right) K_{-1}(h), \quad \eta_1 = 2$$

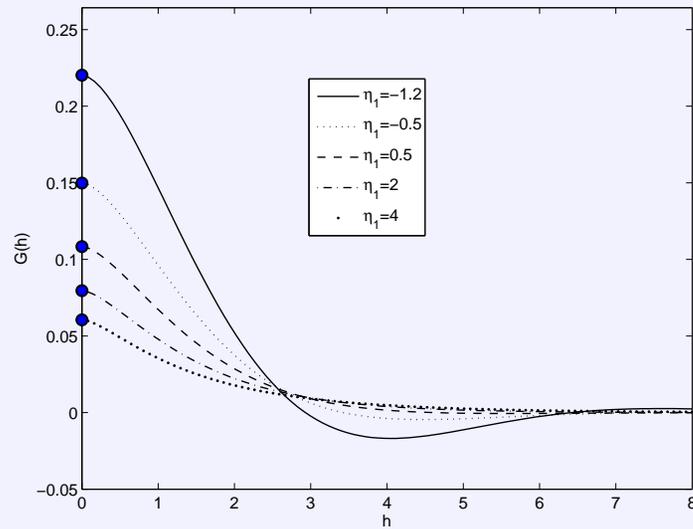
$$G(h) = \frac{\eta_0 [K_0(h z_+) - K_0(h z_-)]}{2\pi \sqrt{\eta_1^2 - 4}}, \quad \eta_1 > 2$$

- $h = \|\mathbf{r}\|/\xi$, \Im : Imaginary part
- $z_{\pm} = \sqrt{-t_{\pm}^*}$, $t_{\pm}^* = \left(-\eta_1 \pm \sqrt{\eta_1^2 - 4} \right) / 2$
- $K_{\nu}(z)$: modified Bessel function of the second kind and order ν

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SSRF Covariance function $d = 2$



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SSRF Covariance function $d = 3$

Unlimited band, $k_c \rightarrow \infty$ [Hristopulos and Elogne, 2007]

$$G(h) = \eta_0 \frac{e^{-h\beta_2}}{\Delta} \left[\frac{\sin(h\beta_1)}{h} \right], \quad |\eta_1| < 2$$

$$G(h) = \frac{\eta_0}{4} e^{-h}, \quad \eta_1 = 2$$

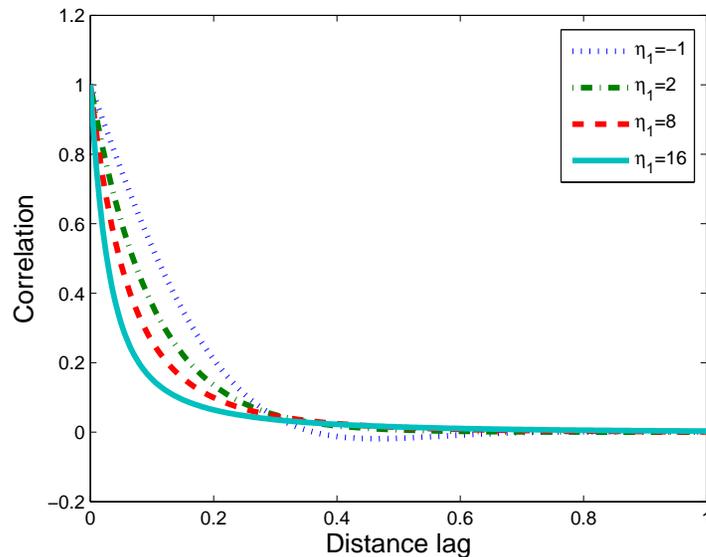
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- $h = \|\mathbf{r}\|/\xi$,
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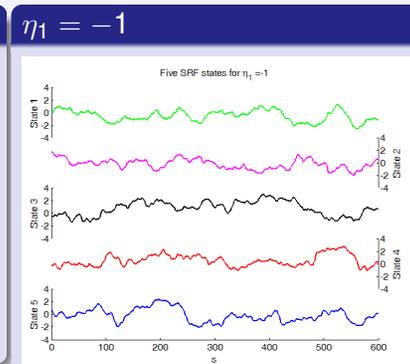
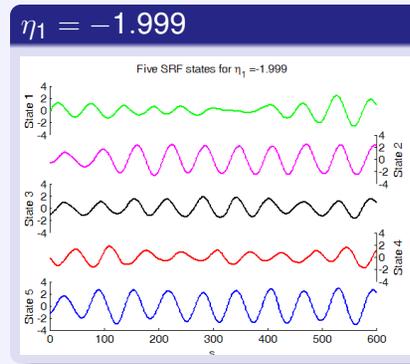
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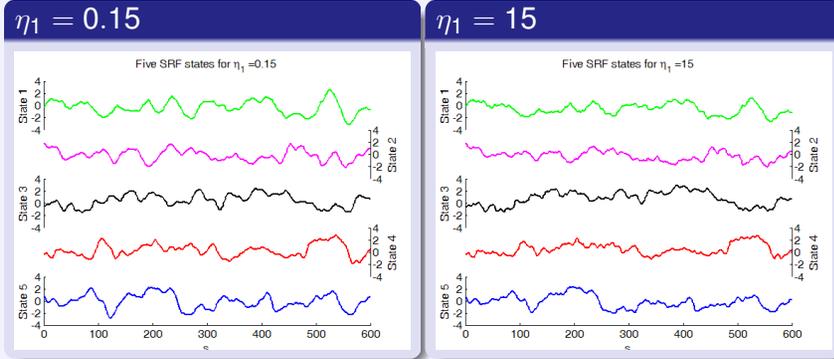
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FGC-SSRF covariance functions have non-linear dependence of correlation scales on model parameters [Hristopulos and Žukovič, 2011]

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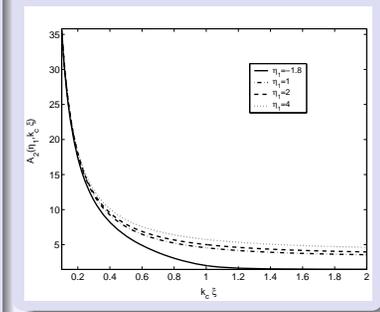
$$\ell_c \doteq \left[\frac{\int dr G(r)}{G(0)} \right]^{1/d} = A_d \xi$$

- 2 **Correlation length:**

$$r_c \doteq \left[\frac{\int dr r^2 G(r)}{\int dr G(r)} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left[\left. \frac{d^2 \tilde{G}(k)/dk^2}{2\tilde{G}(k)} \right|_{k=0} \right]} = \sqrt{|\eta_1|} \xi$$

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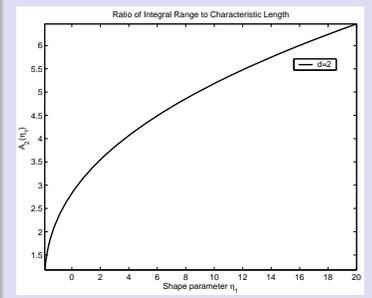
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FGC-SSRF Integral Range



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Karhunen-Loève Theorem

- 1 A second-order $\phi(\mathbf{s})$ with continuous covariance $G(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}')$ can be expanded on a closed and bounded domain \mathcal{D} as:

$$\phi(\mathbf{s}) = m_x(\mathbf{s}) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_m} c_m \psi_m(\mathbf{s}).$$

The convergence is uniform on \mathcal{D} .

- 2 The λ_m and $\psi_m(\mathbf{s})$ are respectively, *eigenvalues and eigenfunctions* of the covariance operator, that satisfy the Fredholm integral equation

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} ds' G(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') \psi_m(\mathbf{s}') = \lambda_m \psi_m(\mathbf{s}).$$

- 3 The c_m are *zero-mean, uncorrelated random variables*, i.e., $\mathbb{E}[c_m] = 0$ and $\mathbb{E}[c_m c_n] = \delta_{n,m}$, $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$.



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Simulations on Square Domain

- Square lattice 100×100 , Modes used: 100×100 wave-vectors
- Pinned boundaries (no fluctuations)
- SSRF eigenvalues

$$\lambda_m = \frac{\eta_0 \xi^2}{1 + \eta_1 \xi^2 \|\mathbf{k}_m\|^2 + \xi^4 \|\mathbf{k}_m\|^4}, \quad \mathbf{k}_m = \left(\frac{2\pi n_{m,1}}{L}, \frac{2\pi n_{m,2}}{L} \right)^T$$

- SSRF K-L eigenfunctions

$$\psi_m(\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2) = \frac{1}{L} \sin(k_{m,1} s_1) \sin(k_{m,2} s_2),$$

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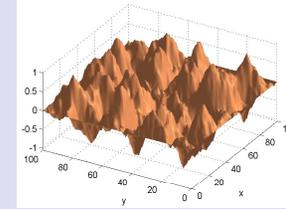
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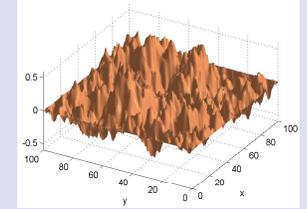
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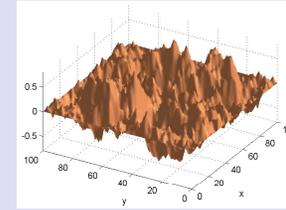
$\eta_0 = 2, \eta_1 = -1.5, \xi = 5$



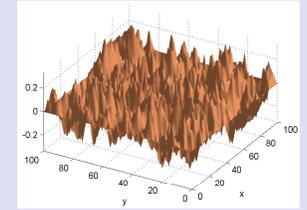
$\eta_0 = 2, \eta_1 = 1.5, \xi = 5$



$\eta_0 = 2, \eta_1 = 0, \xi = 5$



$\eta_0 = 2, \eta_1 = 15, \xi = 5$



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SSRF Variance Evolution versus number of ordered eigenvalues

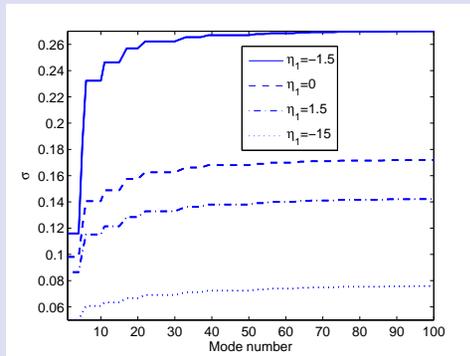


Figure: SSRF standard deviation of K-L simulation at $\mathbf{s}_0 = (25, 25)$ on 100×100 square domain with pinned boundaries. SSRF parameters: $\eta_0 = 2$, $\xi = 5$ and $\eta_1 = (-1.5, 0, 1.5, 15)^T$.

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- Spectral integral of $\tilde{\mathbb{J}}_S(\|\mathbf{k}\|) = (\eta_0 \xi^d)^{-1} [1 + \eta_1 (\xi \|\mathbf{k}\|)^2 + \eta_2 (\xi \|\mathbf{k}\|)^4]$,

$$\mathbb{J}_S(\mathbf{r}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|}{(2\pi \|\mathbf{r}\|)^{d/2}} \int_0^{k_c} d\|\mathbf{k}\| \|\mathbf{k}\|^{d/2} J_{d/2-1}(\|\mathbf{k}\| \|\mathbf{r}\|) \tilde{\mathbb{J}}_S(\|\mathbf{k}\|; \boldsymbol{\theta}),$$

- Lommel functions

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 w(z)}{dz^2} + z \frac{dw(z)}{dz} + (z^2 - \nu^2) w(z) = z^{\mu+1}.$$

- If $\mu - \nu = 2l + 1$ the following Lommel series terminates after $l + 1$ terms

$$S_{\mu, \nu}(z) = z^{\mu-1} \left[1 - \frac{(\mu-1)^2 - \nu^2}{z^2} + \frac{[(\mu-1)^2 - \nu^2][(\mu-3)^2 - \nu^2]}{z^4} - \dots \right]$$

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In $d \geq 2$, the SSRF inverse covariance kernel $\mathbb{J}_S(z; \theta)$ is given by means of the following tripartite sum, where $u_c = k_c \xi$, $z = k_c \|\mathbf{r}\|$, and $\nu = d/2 - 1$

$$\mathbb{J}_S(z; \theta) = \sum_{l=0,1,2} \frac{g_l(\theta)}{z^{2\nu+2l+1}} [(2\nu+2l)J_\nu(z) S_{\nu+2l,\nu-1}(z) - J_{\nu-1}(z) S_{\nu+2l+1,\nu}(z)],$$

$$g_0(\theta) = \frac{k_c^d}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \eta_0 \xi^d}, \quad g_1(\theta) = \eta_1 u_c^2 g_0(\theta), \quad g_2(\theta) = u_c^4 g_0(\theta),$$

The above equations define a positive semidefinite kernel function for $\eta_1 > -2$. In particular, the value at the origin is

$$\mathbb{J}_S(0; \theta) = \frac{g_0(\theta)}{2^{\nu+1} \Gamma(\nu+2)} \left[1 + \eta_1 u_c^2 \left(\frac{\nu+1}{\nu+2} \right) + u_c^4 \left(\frac{\nu+1}{\nu+3} \right) \right],$$

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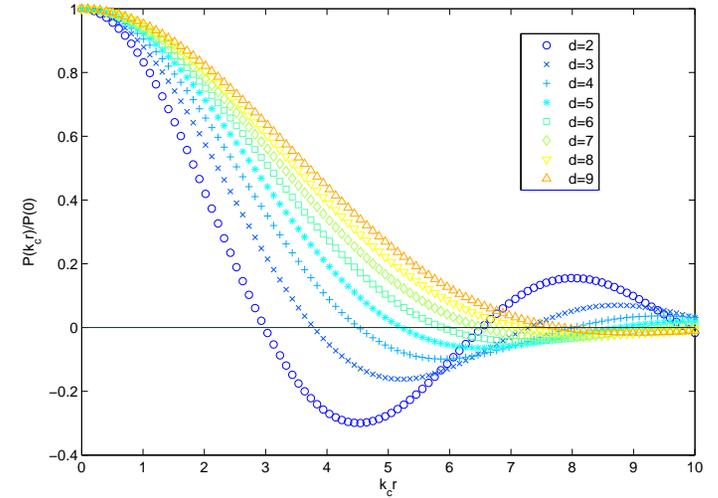
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Normalized inverse SSRF covariance function vs d

SSRF parameters are $\eta_0 = 1$, $\xi = 1$, $\eta_1 = 2$, and $k_c = 2$.



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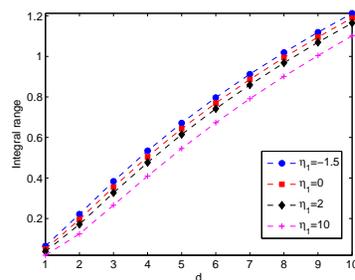
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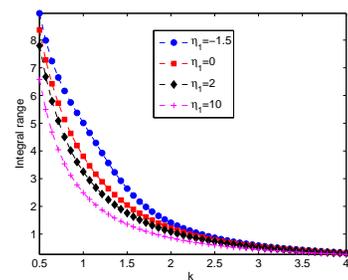
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Dependence on d for different η_1 and $\xi = 2$



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Dependence on k_c for different η_1 and $\xi = 2$



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Let $\mathbf{X}_s = (X_1, \dots, X_N)^T$ a vector of measurements at \mathbf{s}_n , $n = 1, \dots, N$, and $X_p = X_{N+1}$ the SSRF value at unmeasured location \mathbf{s}_{N+1} . Assume that the data are samples of the SSRF with the energy functional

$$H_{\text{igc}}[\mathbf{X}_{s,p}; \theta] = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{X}_{s,p}^T \mathbf{J}(\theta) \mathbf{X}_{s,p},$$

where $\mathbf{X}_{s,p} = (X_1, \dots, X_N, X_p)^T$, and $\mathbf{J}(\theta)$ is the inverse covariance (precision) matrix. The mode estimate \hat{X}_p which maximizes the joint pdf is given by

$$\hat{X}_p = -\frac{\mathbf{J}_{p,s}^T(\theta) \mathbf{X}_s}{\mathbf{J}_{p,p}(\theta)} = -\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{J_{p,i}(\theta) X_i}{J_{p,p}(\theta)}. \quad (1)$$

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Grid Approximation of Continuum SSRF

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$$\mathbb{J}_S(\mathbf{r}_n; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \alpha_0 \left[1 - \eta_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\xi^2}{a_i^2} D_{n,i}^2 \right) + \left(\sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\xi^4}{a_i^2 a_j^2} D_{n,i}^2 D_{n,j}^2 \right) \right] \delta(\mathbf{r}_n).$$

On a grid with lattice step $a \rightarrow 0$: $\delta(\mathbf{s}_j - \mathbf{s}_j) \rightarrow \delta_{i,j}/v_c$, $v_c = a^d$.

$$\delta_{n,i}[f(\mathbf{r}_n)] = f\left(\mathbf{r}_n + \frac{a_i}{2} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i\right) - f\left(\mathbf{r}_n - \frac{a_i}{2} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i\right), \quad i = 1, \dots, d.$$

$$\delta_{n,i}^2[f(\mathbf{r}_n)] = f(\mathbf{r}_n + a_i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i) + f(\mathbf{r}_n - a_i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i) - 2f(\mathbf{r}_n).$$

$D_{n,i}$ is related to the centered difference operator by [Hildebrand, 1974]

$$a_i D_{n,i} = 2 \sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{\delta_{n,i}}{2} \right).$$

Taylor series expansions of $D_{n,i}^2$ and $D_{n,i}^4$ in terms of $\delta_{n,i}$

$$a_i^2 D_{n,i}^2 = \delta_{n,i}^2 - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^4}{12} + \frac{\delta_{n,i}^6}{90} - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^8}{560} + \frac{\delta_{n,i}^{10}}{3150} - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^{12}}{16632} + O(\delta_{n,i}^{14})$$

$$a_i^4 D_{n,i}^4 = \delta_{n,i}^4 - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^6}{6} + \frac{7\delta_{n,i}^8}{240} - \frac{41\delta_{n,i}^{10}}{7560} + \frac{479\delta_{n,i}^{12}}{453600} + O(\delta_{n,i}^{14}).$$

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$$\mathbb{J}(\mathbf{r}_n; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \alpha_0 \left[\delta_{n,0} - \eta_1 \xi^2 S(\mathbf{r}_n) + \xi^4 C(\mathbf{r}_n) \right],$$

where the square gradient, $S(\mathbf{r}_n)$, and square curvature, $C(\mathbf{r}_n)$, are given by

$$S(\mathbf{r}_n) = \sum_{i=1}^d D_{n,i}^2, \quad C(\mathbf{r}_n) = \sum_{i=1}^d D_{n,i}^4 + \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^d D_{n,i}^2 D_{n,j}^2.$$

Truncating $S(\mathbf{r}_n)$ and $C(\mathbf{r}_n)$ at order $2p = 12$, it follows that

$$S^{(12)}(\mathbf{r}_n) = \sum_{i=1}^d \delta_{n,i}^2 - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^4}{12} + \frac{\delta_{n,i}^6}{90} - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^8}{560} + \frac{\delta_{n,i}^{10}}{3150} - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^{12}}{16632},$$

$$C^{(12)}(\mathbf{r}_n) = \sum_{i=1}^d \left(\delta_{n,i}^4 - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^6}{6} + \frac{7\delta_{n,i}^8}{240} - \frac{41\delta_{n,i}^{10}}{7560} + \frac{479\delta_{n,i}^{12}}{453600} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^d \left(\delta_{n,i}^2 \delta_{n,j}^2 - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^2 \delta_{n,j}^4}{6} + \frac{\delta_{n,i}^2 \delta_{n,j}^6}{45} - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^2 \delta_{n,j}^8}{280} + \frac{\delta_{n,i}^2 \delta_{n,j}^{10}}{1575} + \frac{\delta_{n,i}^4 \delta_{n,j}^4}{144} - \frac{\delta_{n,i}^4 \delta_{n,j}^6}{540} + \frac{\delta_{n,i}^4 \delta_{n,j}^8}{3360} + \frac{\delta_{n,i}^6 \delta_{n,j}^6}{8100} \right).$$

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Table: Central finite differences of orders $2k$, $k = 1, \dots, 6$ on hypercubic grid with uniform step $a = 1$ in each orthogonal direction $i = 1, \dots, d$. FD stands for *finite difference*. The f_n denotes any lattice function.

FD	Expressions
$\delta_{n,i}^2 f_n$	$f_{n+\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + f_{n-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 2f_n$
$\delta_{n,i}^4 f_n$	$f_{n+2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + f_{n-2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 4f_{n+\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 4f_{n-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 6f_n$
$\delta_{n,i}^6 f_n$	$f_{n+3\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + f_{n-3\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 6f_{n+2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 6f_{n-2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 15f_{n+\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 15f_{n-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 20f_n$
$\delta_{n,i}^8 f_n$	$f_{n+4\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + f_{n-4\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 8f_{n+3\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 8f_{n-3\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 28f_{n+2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 28f_{n-2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 56f_{n+\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 56f_{n-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 70f_n$
$\delta_{n,i}^{10} f_n$	$f_{n_j+5, n_j} + f_{n_j-5, n_j} - 10f_{n+4\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 10f_{n-4\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 45f_{n+3\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 45f_{n-3\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 120f_{n+2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 120f_{n-2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 210f_{n+\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 210f_{n-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 252f_n$
$\delta_{n,i}^{12} f_n$	$f_{n_j+6, n_j} + f_{n_j-6, n_j} - 12f_{n_j+5, n_j} - 12f_{n_j-5, n_j} + 66f_{n+4\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 66f_{n-4\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 220f_{n+3\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 220f_{n-3\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 495f_{n+2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 495f_{n-2\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 792f_{n+\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 792f_{n-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} + 924f_n$

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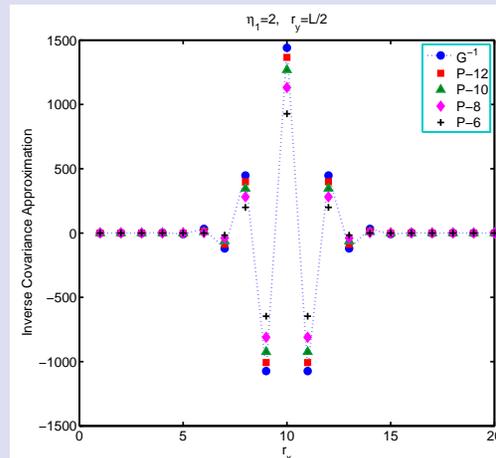
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Inverse SSRF covariance kernel $G^{-1}(L/2, k)$, $k = 1, \dots, L$ evaluated by inverting the $d = 1$ continuum covariance (circles) versus the centered FD inverse kernel expressions $j^{(2p)}(L/2, k)$, $p = 3, 4, 5, 6$ of orders six (crosses), eight (diamonds), ten (triangles), and twelve (squares). An 1D chain of length $L = 20$ ($a = 1$) is used. SSRF parameters: $\eta_0 = 10$, $\eta_1 = 2$, and $\xi = 10$. The covariance is given by $G(h) = \eta_0(1+h)e^{-h/4}$, where $h = |r|/\xi$, [Hristopolos and Elogne, 2007].

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- We presented **three-parameter, positive-definite, isotropic covariance models** based on local interaction “energy” (Spartan) functionals
- SSRF models lead to **fast (linear complexity)** interpolation on regular grids and on unstructured grids as well [Hristopulos and Elogne, 2009]
- A new family of **four-parameter, positive-definite kernels** valid in $d \geq 2$ based on Lommel functions is proposed
- Continuing research involves extensions to: **spatial non-homogeneity, space-time correlations, and non-Gaussian dependence**



Thank you for your attention!

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