

GAUCHE: A Library for Gaussian Processes in Chemistry

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Gaussian processes (GPs) vs. Deep Neural Networks (DNNs)

Model	Capability	Check		
DNN	Variants can operate on molecular representations			
GP	Variants have difficulty operating on many molecular representations	×		
GP	Exact Bayesian inference. First choice surrogate for Bayesian optimisation			
DNN	Approximate Bayesian inference. Challenging to use for Bayesian optimisation	×		

Gaussian Processes as Stable Surrogate Models for Active Learning and Bayesian Optimisation Loops

David J. C. MacKay

formation Theory, Inference nd Learning Algorithms



"Gaussian processes are useful tools for automated tasks where fine tuning for each problem is not possible. We do not appear to sacrifice any performance for this simplicity."



Sir David MacKay FRS

Gaussian Processes as a Tool for Self-Driving Laboratories



Extending Gaussian Processes to Molecular Representations

NC1=CC=CC=N1

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Extending Gaussian Processes to Molecular Representations

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String, Graph, and Bit Vector Kernels



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Comparison to Other Software Libraries

Library	Gaussian Processes	Bayesian Optimisation	Molecular Representations	Chemistry Tutorials	Graph Kernels	Bit Vector Kernels	String Kernels
GPyTorch [26]	\checkmark	×	×	X	×	×	×
GPflow [69, 70]	\checkmark	×	×	×	×	×	×
BoTorch [27]	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×	×	×	×
DeepChem [71]	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×	×
GraKel [59]	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	×	×
FlowMO [72]	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark
GAUCHE (ours)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark



Tutorials

import gpytorch
from botorch import fit_gpytorch_model
from gauche.kernels.fingerprint_kernels.tanimoto_kernel import TanimotoKernel

```
class TanimotoGP(gpytorch.models.ExactGP):
    def __init__(self, train_x, train_y, likelihood):
        super(TanimotoGP, self).__init__(train_x, train_y, likelihood)
        self.mean_module = gpytorch.means.ConstantMean()
        self.covar_module = gpytorch.kernels.ScaleKernel(TanimotoKernel())
```

def forward(self, x): mean_x = self.mean_module(x) covar_x = self.covar_module(x) return gpytorch.distributions.MultivariateNormal(mean_x, covar_x)

```
# initialise GP likelihood, model and
# marginal log likelihood objective
likelihood = gpytorch.likelihoods.GaussianLikelihood()
model = TanimotoGP(X_train, y_train, likelihood)
mll = gpytorch.mlls.ExactMarginalLogLikelihood(likelihood, model)
```

fit GP with BoTorch in order to use
the LBFGS-B optimiser (recommended)
fit_gpytorch_model(mll)

```
# use the trained GP to get predictions and
# uncertainty estimates for new molecules
model.eval()
likelihood.eval()
preds = model(X_test)
pred_means, pred_vars = preds.mean, preds.variance
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GAUCHE: A Library for Gaussian Processes in Chemistry

GAUCHE is a collaborative, open-source software library that aims to make state-of-the-art probabilistic modelling and black-box optimisation techniques more easily accessible to scientific experts in chemistry, materials science and beyond. We provide 30+ bespoke kernels for molecules, chemical reactions and proteins and illustrate how they can be used for Gaussian processes and Bayesian optimisation in 10+ easy-to-adapt tutorial notebooks.

Overview | Getting Started | Documentation | Paper (NeurIPS 2023)