

More Kernels

CPSC 532S: Modern Statistical Learning Theory

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Admin: Projects

- **Literature survey** option:
 - Read several related papers on a learning theory topic
 - Write a document that overviews the results + proof techniques, relates their assumptions, etc
- **Extension** option:
 - Extend/analyze 1-2 learning theory papers
 - Maybe do some experiments checking assumptions/conclusions/etc
 - Maybe weaken some assumptions in the paper, prove interesting corollary, etc
 - Write a document overviewing the paper + proof and describing new results
- **Novel analysis** option:
 - Analyze an algorithm/setting that hasn't been (satisfyingly) analyzed yet
 - Analysis should be nontrivial; can be based on class or related techniques
 - Failure okay if you show *why* it *should* have worked + why it didn't
 - But probably have a survey or extension “backup plan”

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- Do in groups of 1-3; counts as one assignment but can't be dropped
- Suggestions for topics will be up **soon**, but you can also pick your own
- 10 points: a **very short proposal** (~1 paragraph, including papers), by **Wed Mar 16**
 - Make a private Piazza post with me + your group
 - I'll give you feedback ASAP
 - Can change topic afterwards if needed, but talk to me if significant
- 20 points: **in-class presentation**, on **Wed April 6**
 - Around 5-10 mins depending on # of groups
 - Come in person if you can, otherwise can do by Zoom – let me know if an issue
 - Explain the topic, new results if relevant, 1-2 papers inc. proof if survey
- 70 points: the **project report**, due on **Fri April 8**
 - NeurIPS format, 4-10 pages (plus appendices if necessary)

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$$a^T K a \geq 0$$

positive semidefinite : $a^T K a \geq 0 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $\lambda_{\min}(K) \geq 0$

"positive definite" \rightarrow
strictly positive definite : $a^T K a > 0 \quad \forall a \neq 0$; $\lambda_{\min}(K) > 0$

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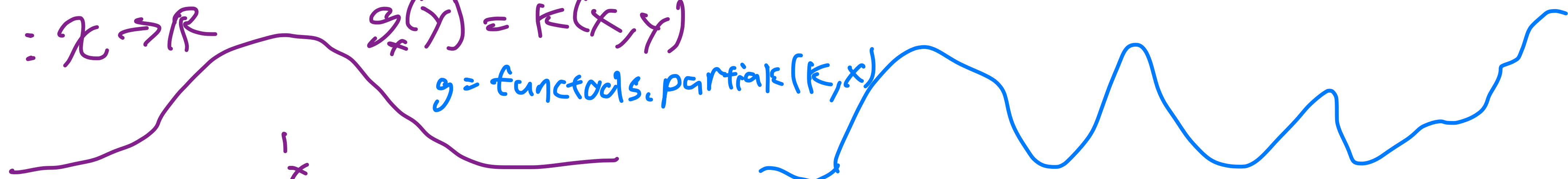
- An **RKHS** with kernel k , \mathcal{H}_k , is a Hilbert space of functions $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with

$$\forall x, \quad k(x, \cdot) = [y \mapsto k(x, y)] \in \mathcal{H}_k \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) = \langle f, k(x, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{H}_k$$

$$[k(x, \cdot)] : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g_x(y) = k(x, y)$$

$g = \text{funcs. part of } k(x, \cdot)$



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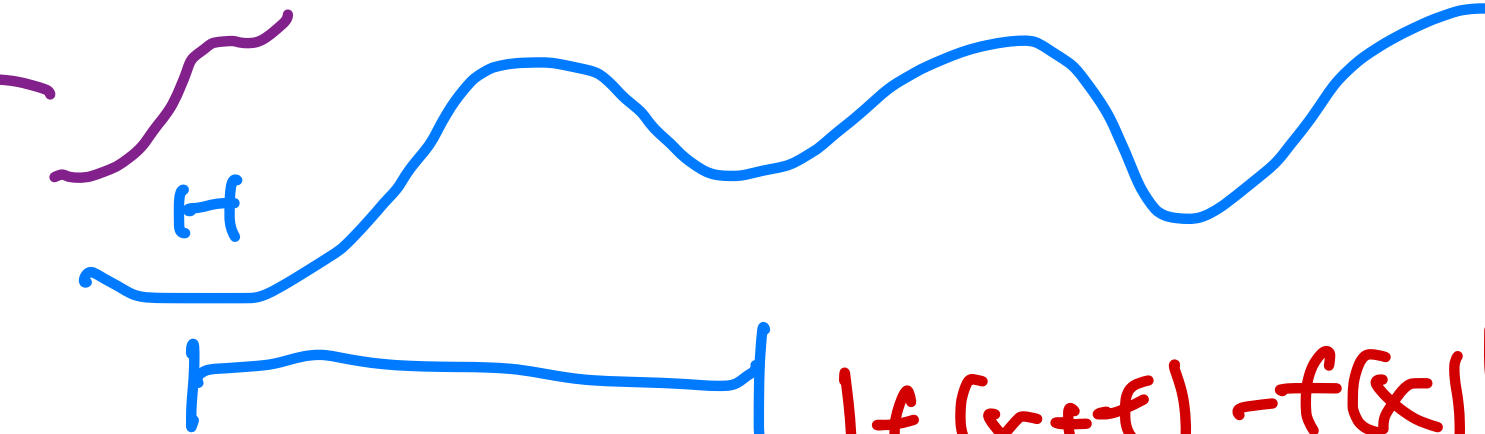
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- Theorem: k is psd iff it's the reproducing kernel of an RKHS

\nearrow
 $k: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $k(x, y) = k(y, x)$

$$\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i k(\tilde{x}_i, \cdot) \|_{\mathcal{H}_k}^2 = \mathbf{a}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{K}} \mathbf{a}$$

$\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_{ij} = k(\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{x}_j)$



$|f(x+\epsilon) - f(x)| \leq 2\|\epsilon\|_{\mathcal{H}} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\right)$

A quick check: linear kernels

- $k(x, y) = x^\top y$ on $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$ $k(x, \cdot) = [y \mapsto x^\top y]$ " = " x^\top
- If $f(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i k(x_i, y)$, then $f(y) = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \right]^\top y$
- Closure doesn't add anything here, since \mathbb{R}^d is closed
- So, linear kernel gives you RKHS of linear functions
- $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j k(x_i, x_j)} = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \right\|$
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Linear kernel gives normal ridge regression:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \hat{w}^T x; \quad \hat{w} = \arg \min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (w^T x_i - y_i)^2 + \lambda \|w\|^2$$

Nonlinear kernels will give nonlinear regression!

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- Minimizer needs $f_{\perp} = 0$, and so $\hat{f} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i k(x_i, \cdot)$

$$\hat{f}(\tilde{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i k(x_i, \tilde{x}) = \alpha^{\top} \kappa_S(\tilde{x})$$

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$$k_S(x) = \begin{bmatrix} k(x_1, x) \\ \vdots \\ k(x_n, x) \end{bmatrix}$$

Other kernel algorithms

- Representer theorem applies if R strictly increasing:

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}} L(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)) + R(\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}})$$

- Classification algorithms:
 - Support vector machines: L is hinge loss
 - Kernel logistic regression: L is logistic loss
- Principal component analysis, canonical correlation analysis
- Many, many more...

Rademacher complexity

- Let $\mathcal{H}_{k,B} = \{f \in \mathcal{H}_k : \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_k} \leq B\}$
- Let $S = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ have kernel matrix $K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$: $K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$

$$\hat{R}_S(\mathcal{H}_{k,B}) = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sup_{f \in \mathcal{H}_{k,B}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i f(x_i)$$

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$$\leq \frac{B}{n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i k(x_i, \cdot) \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}$$

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$$= \frac{B}{n} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \sigma^T K \sigma}$$

$$= \frac{B}{n} \sqrt{\text{tr}(K)} \leq \frac{BR}{\sqrt{n}}$$

if $k(x, x) \leq R^2$

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$$+ \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E} \sigma_i \sigma_j k(x_i, x_j)$$

$$= \sum k(x_i, x_i) = \text{tr}(K)$$

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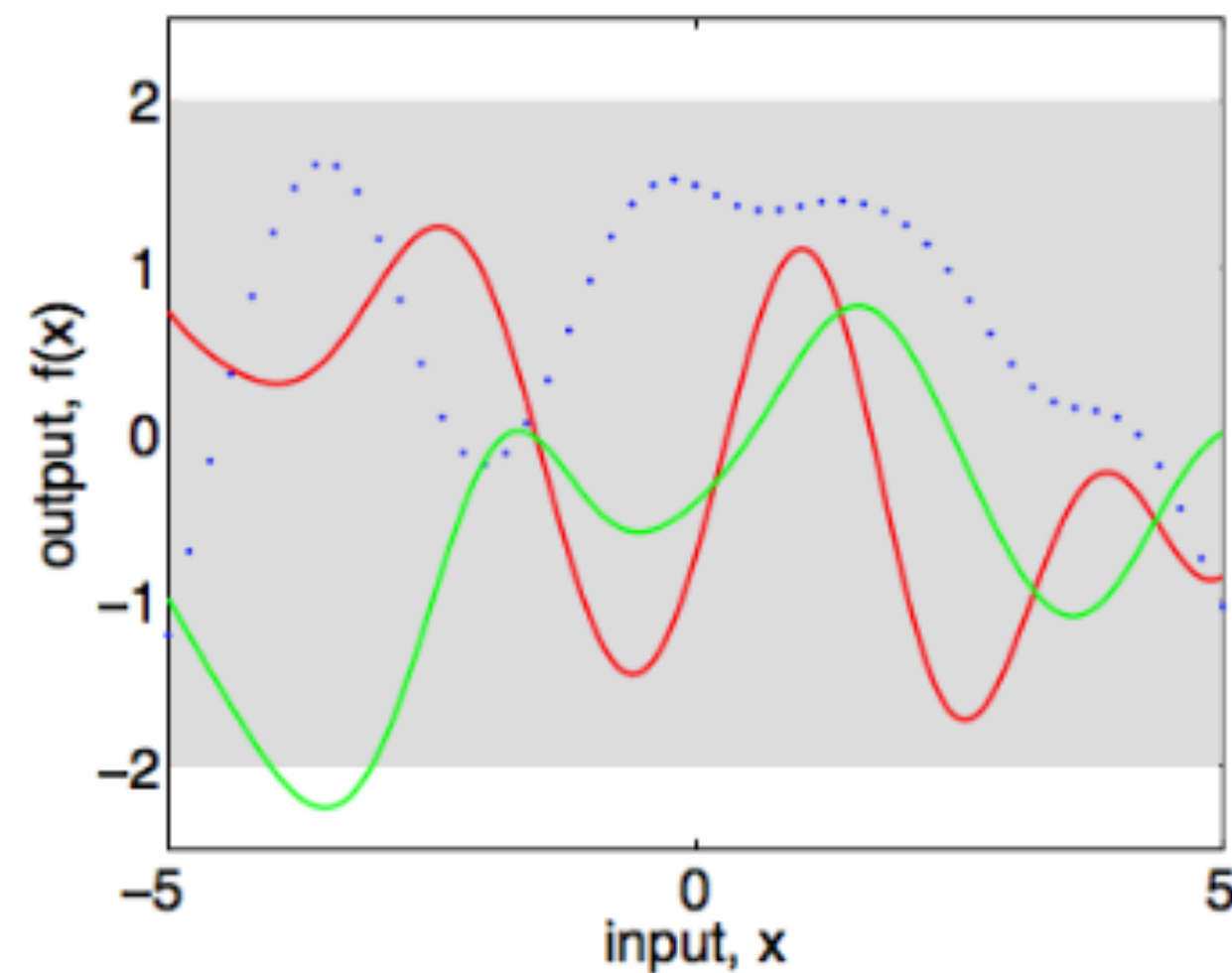
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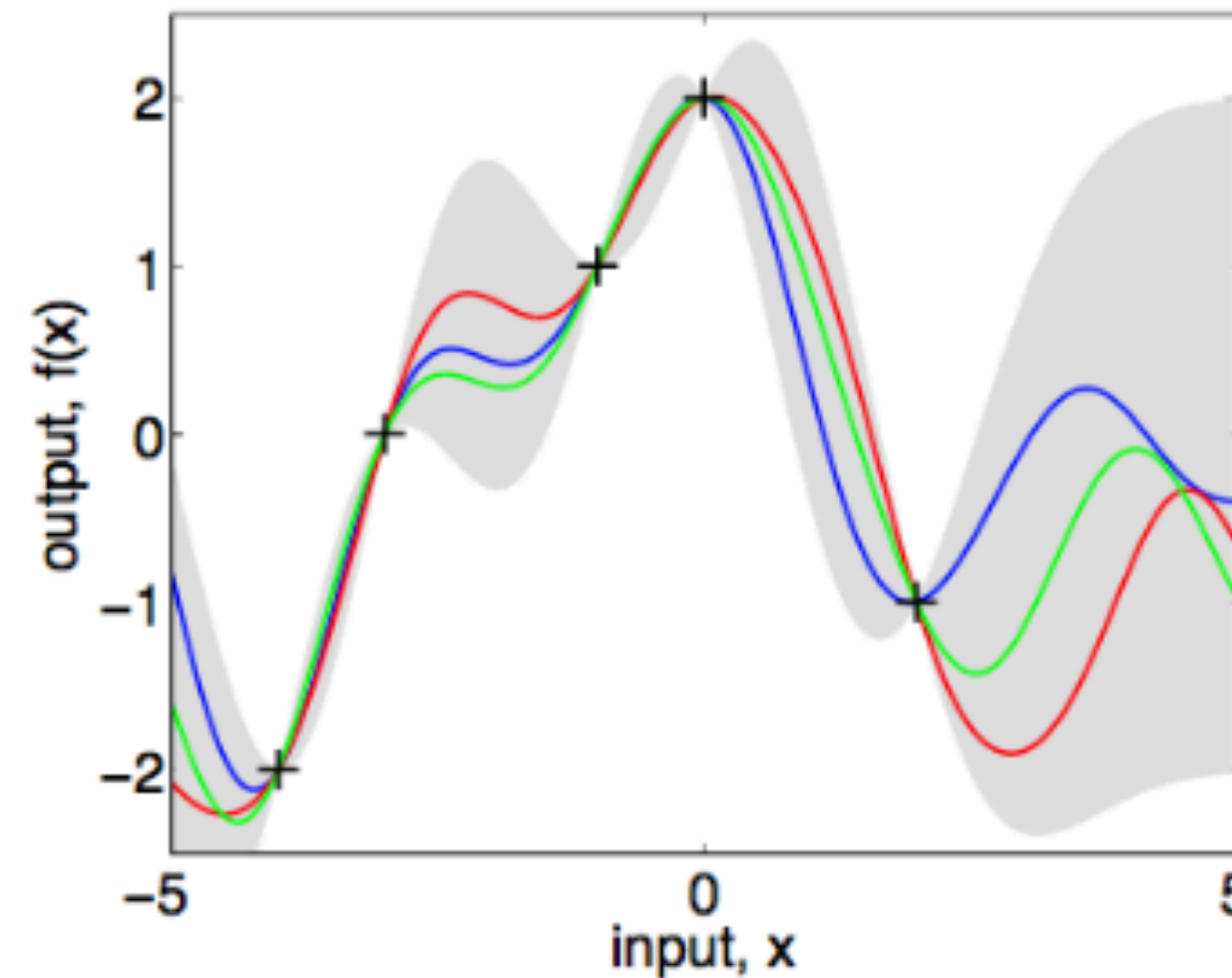
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- Understanding posterior variance can be very useful!
 - e.g. Bayesian optimization / active learning / bandits / ...
- GP classifiers: usual choice corresponds to kernel logistic regression

More resources

- Foundations: Berlinet and Thomas-Agnan, RKHSes in Probability and Stats (2004)
- Including more hardcore details: Steinwart and Christmann, SVMs (2008)
- Ridge regression analyses:
 - Smale and Zhou (2007) – fairly readable
 - Caponnetto and de Vito (2007) – minimax rate for “mostly”-well-specified, harder
 - Steinwart et al. (2009) – minimax in Sobolev spaces
- Rasmussen and Williams, Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning (2006)
- Connections between kernels and GPs: Kanagawa et al. (2018)
- Mean embeddings (slides after this, if we get there): Muandet et al. (2016)

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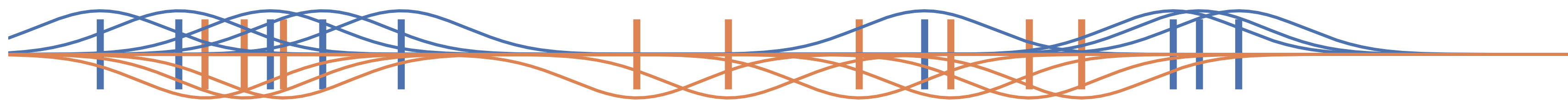


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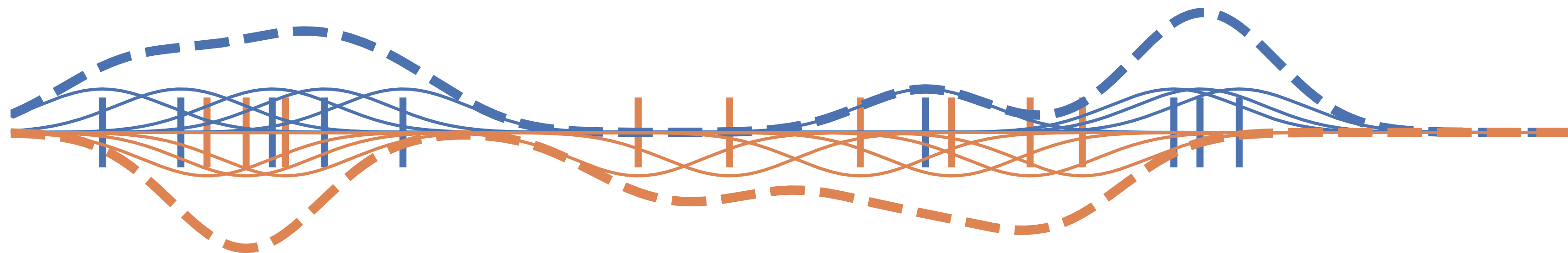


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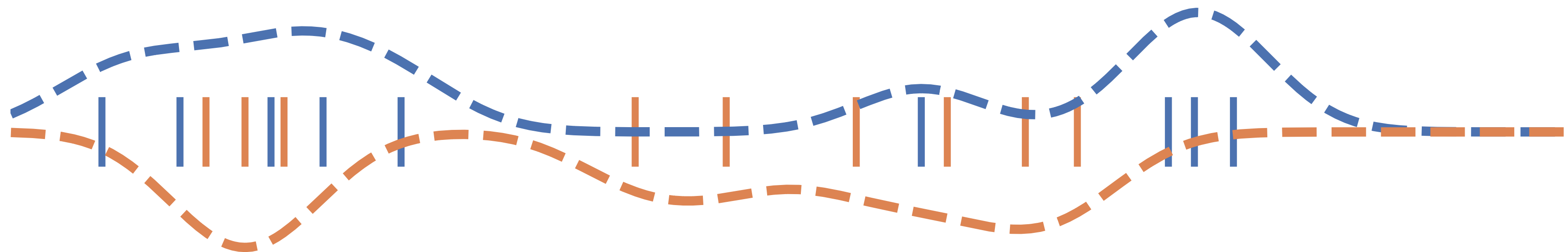


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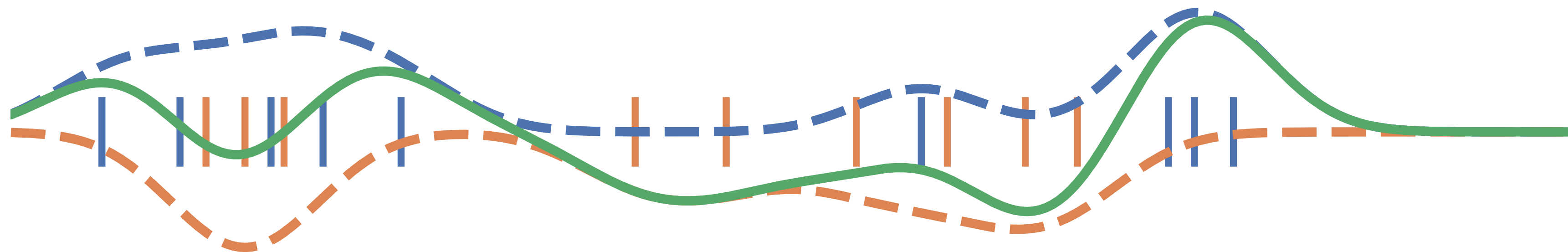


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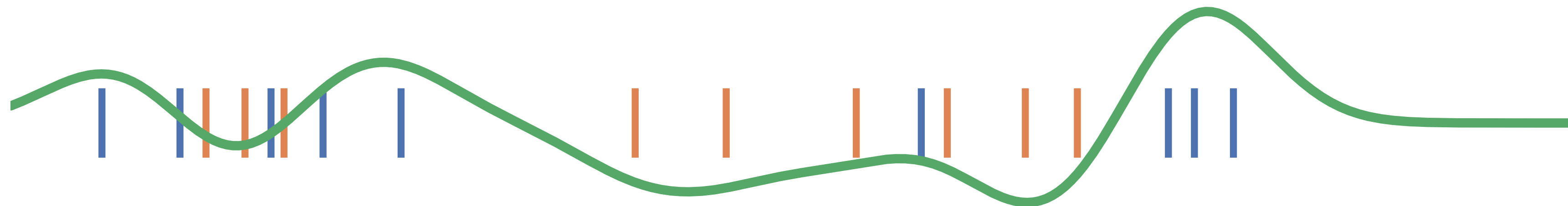


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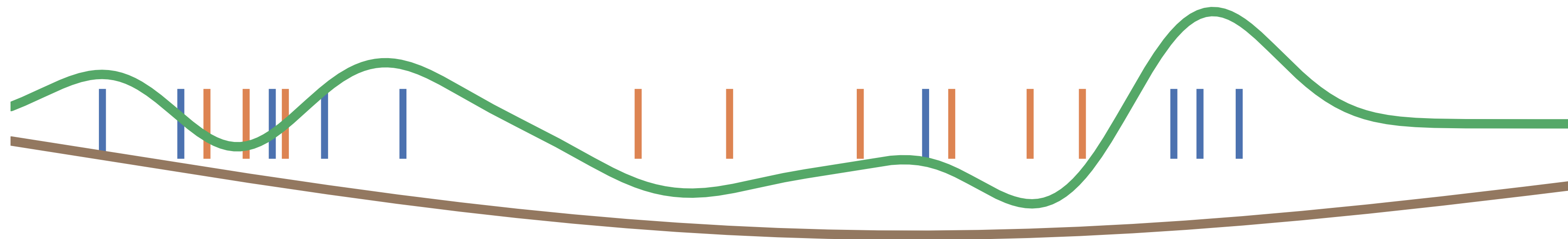


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