
Active Sequential Learning with Tactile Feedback: Supplementary material

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Supplementary terms

The terms \mathbf{q} , \mathbf{Q} , and \mathbf{Z} introduced in Section 3.2.1 can be expanded as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mathbf{q}_m)_i &= \alpha_m^2 |\Sigma_m (\mathbf{H}_m^\theta)^{-1} + \mathbf{I}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{\tau}^i)^T (\Sigma_m + \mathbf{H}_m^\theta)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{\tau}^i)\right) \\
&\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\chi}^i)^T (\mathbf{H}_m^{\mathbf{x}})^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\chi}^i)\right) \\
(\mathbf{Q}_{mn})_{ij} &= \alpha_m^2 \alpha_n^2 |((\mathbf{H}_m^\theta)^{-1} + (\mathbf{H}_n^\theta)^{-1}) \Sigma + \mathbf{I}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{z}^{mj} - \mathbf{z}^{nj})^T \mathbf{U}_{mn}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}^{mi} - \mathbf{z}^{nj})\right) \\
&\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\tau}^i - \boldsymbol{\tau}^j)^T (\mathbf{H}_m^\theta + \mathbf{H}_n^\theta)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\tau}^i - \boldsymbol{\tau}^j)\right) \\
&\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\chi}^i)^T (\mathbf{H}_m^{\mathbf{x}})^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\chi}^i)\right) \\
&\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\chi}^j)^T (\mathbf{H}_n^{\mathbf{x}})^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\chi}^j)\right) \\
(\mathbf{Z}_m)_{\bullet i} &= (\mathbf{q}_m)_i (\Sigma^{-1} + (\mathbf{H}_m^\theta)^{-1})^{-1} \\
&\quad \times (\Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} + (\mathbf{H}_m^\theta)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\tau}^i)
\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{z}^{mi} = \mathbf{H}_m^\theta (\boldsymbol{\tau}^i - \boldsymbol{\mu})$, $\mathbf{R}_{mn} = (\mathbf{H}_m^\theta + \mathbf{H}_n^\theta)^{-1} + \Sigma$ and $\mathbf{U}_{mn} = (\mathbf{H}_m^\theta + \mathbf{H}_n^\theta)^{-1} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \Sigma (\mathbf{H}_m^\theta + \mathbf{H}_n^\theta)^{-1}$. $(\mathbf{Z}_m)_{\bullet i}$ denotes the i -th column vector of matrix \mathbf{Z}_m .

The gradients are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial (\mathbf{q}_m)_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= (\mathbf{q}_m)_i (\mathbf{H}_m^{\mathbf{x}})^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\chi}^i) \\
\frac{\partial (\mathbf{Q}_{mn})_{ij}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= (\mathbf{Q}_{mn})_{ij} \left(-(\mathbf{H}_m^{\mathbf{x}})^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\chi}^i) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - (\mathbf{H}_n^{\mathbf{x}})^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\chi}^j) \right) \\
\frac{\partial (\mathbf{Z}_m)_{ij}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= \frac{\partial (\mathbf{q}_m)_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} (\Sigma^{-1} + (\mathbf{H}_m^\theta)^{-1})^{-1} \\
&\quad \times (\Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} + (\mathbf{H}_m^\theta)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\tau}^i)
\end{aligned}$$