



# Joint Emotion Analysis via Multi-task Gaussian Processes

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**Disclaimer:** this work is not about features (at the moment...)

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For Emotion Analysis, we need a multi-task model that is able to take into account possible anti-correlations, avoiding negative transfer.

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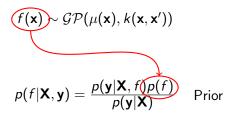
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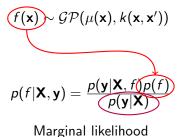
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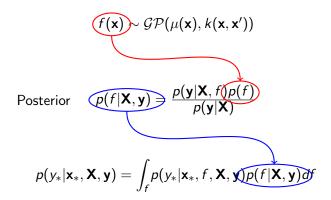
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$$p(f|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}) \Rightarrow \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, f(p(f)))}{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X})}$$

$$p(y_*|\mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}) = \int_f p(y_*|\mathbf{x}_*, f, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}) p(f|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}) df$$
Likelihood (test)

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Predictive distribution

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Kernel: Many options available. In this work we use the Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel<sup>1</sup>:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \alpha_f^2 \times exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^F \frac{(x_i - x_i')^2}{l_i}\right)$$

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**B** can be parameterised and learned by optimizing the model marginal likelihood.

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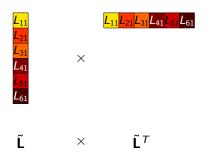
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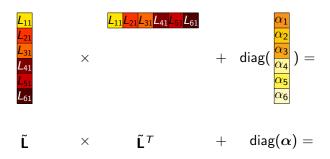
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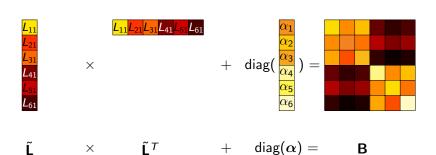
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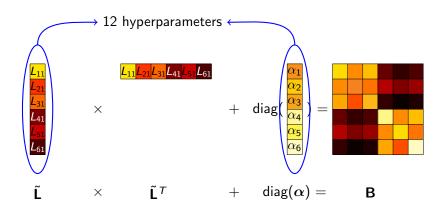




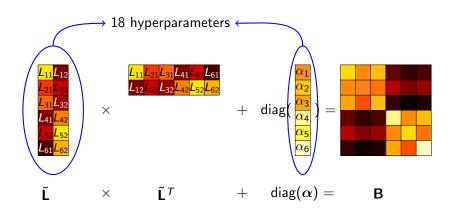




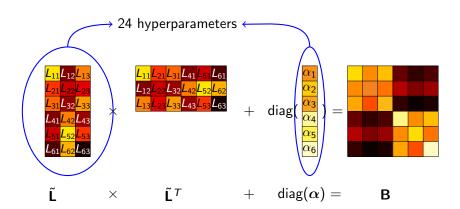
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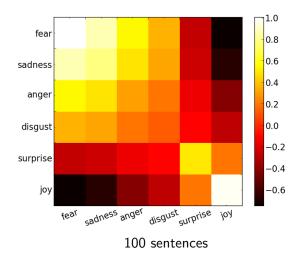
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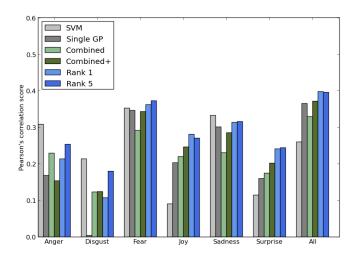
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## Learned Task Covariances

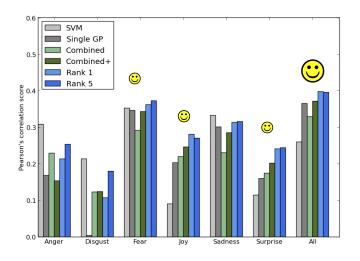


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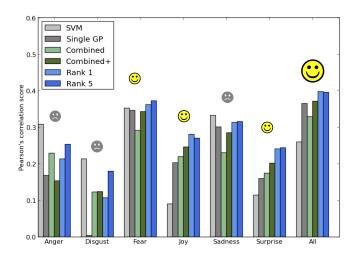
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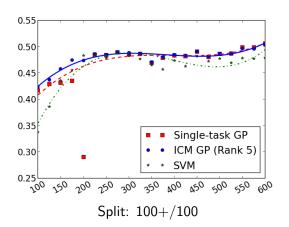
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- Other multi-task GP models [Álvarez et al., 2012, Hensman et al., 2013];



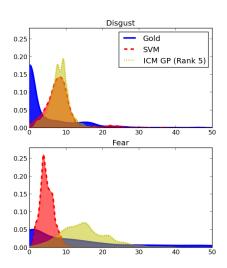


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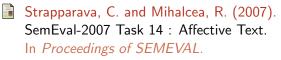
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