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Distance Aware Error for Kolmogorov Networks

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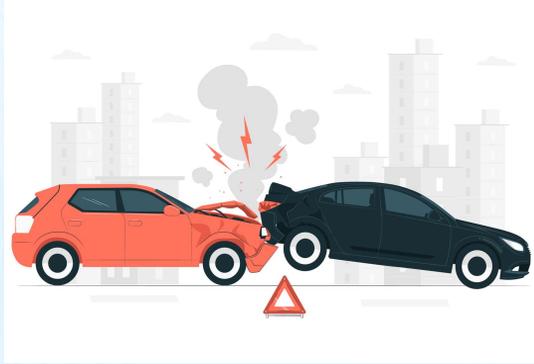
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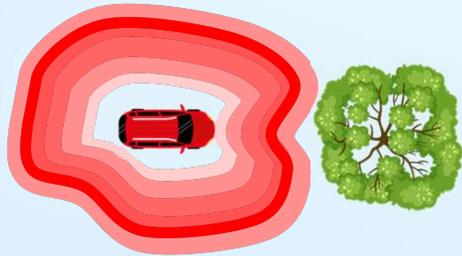
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Motivation

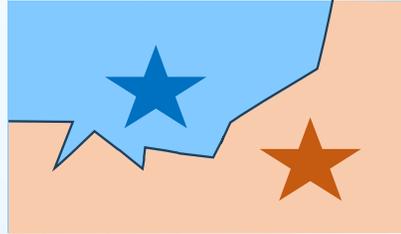
Safe critical applications



Probabilistic safety



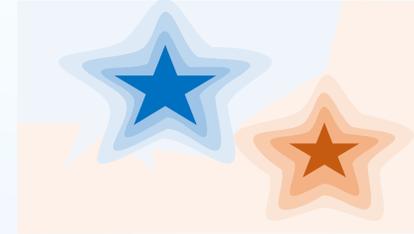
Over confidence model



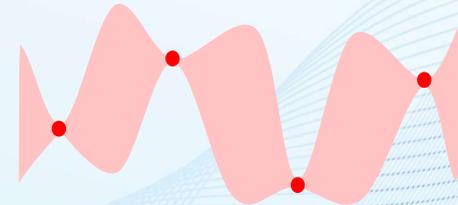
Worst-case bounded



Uncertainty bounded



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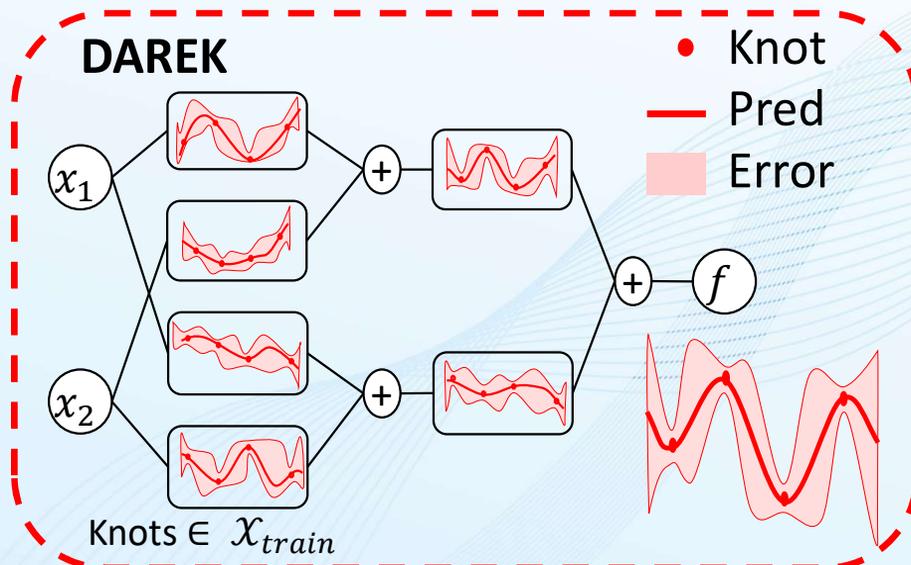
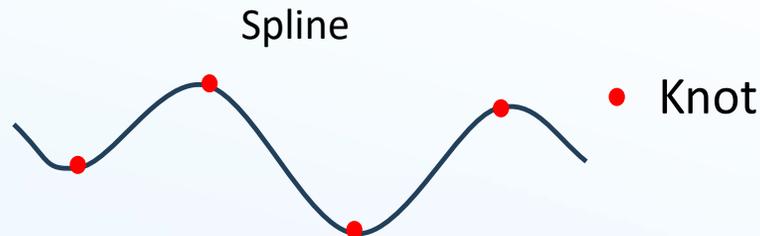
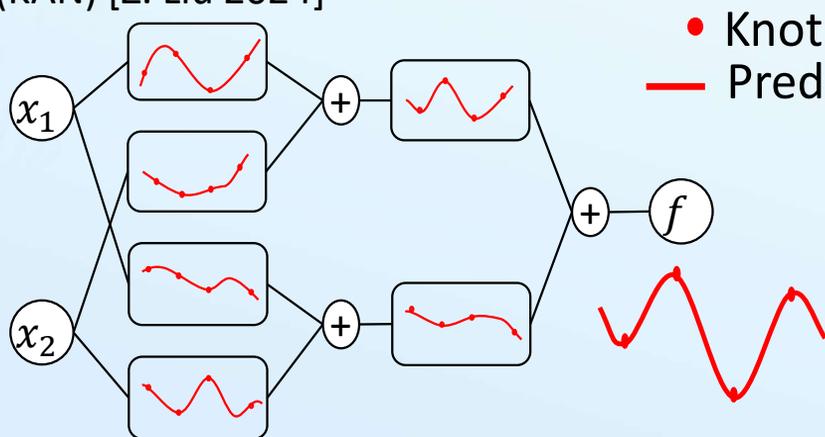


Introduction

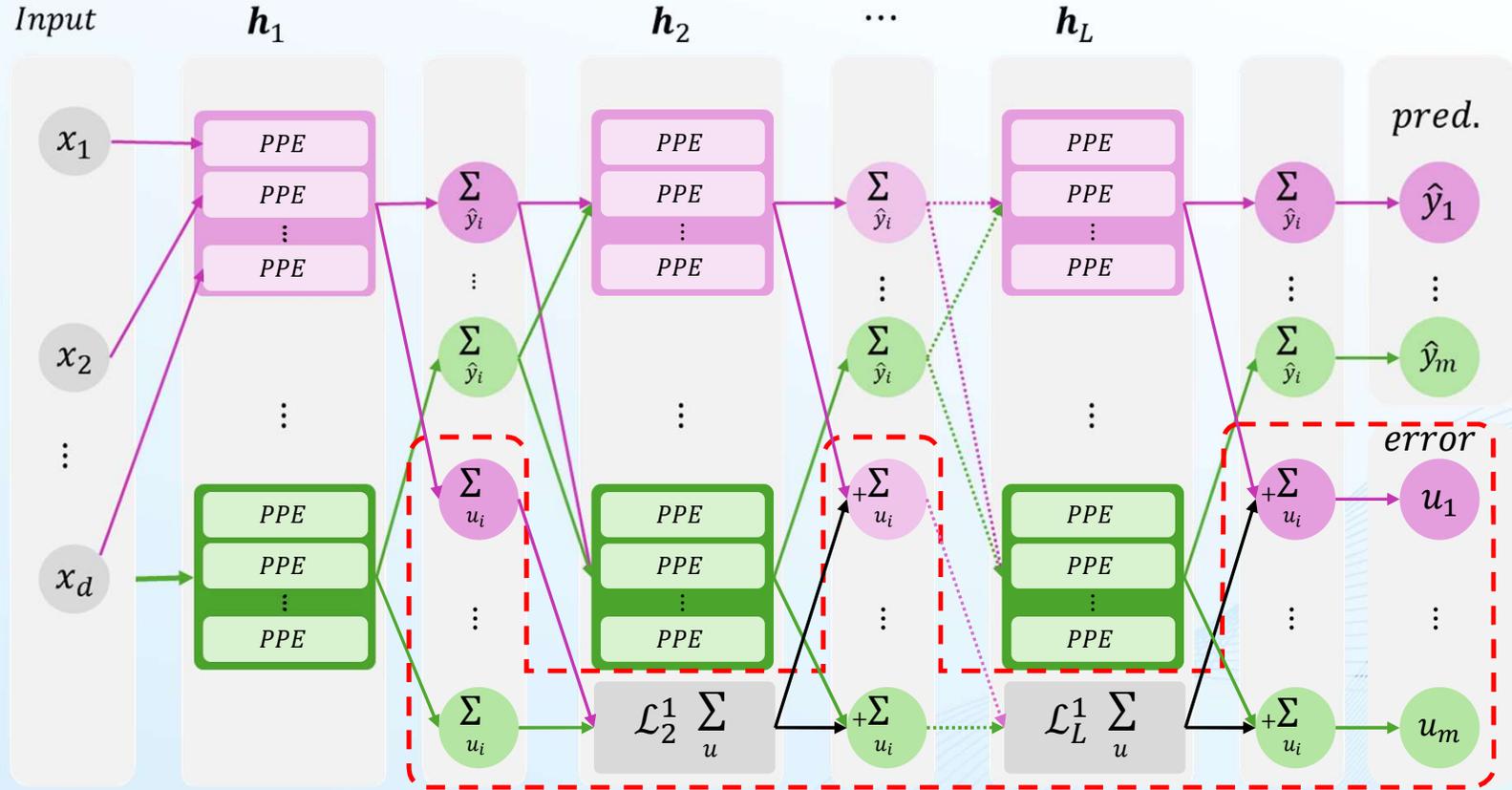
Kolmogorov Arnold Representation Theorem (KAT)
[A. N. Kolmogorov 1957]

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{q=1}^{2n+1} \Phi_q \left(\sum_{p=1}^n \psi_{p,q}(x_p) \right)$$

Kolmogorov Arnold Networks (KAN) [Z. Liu 2024]

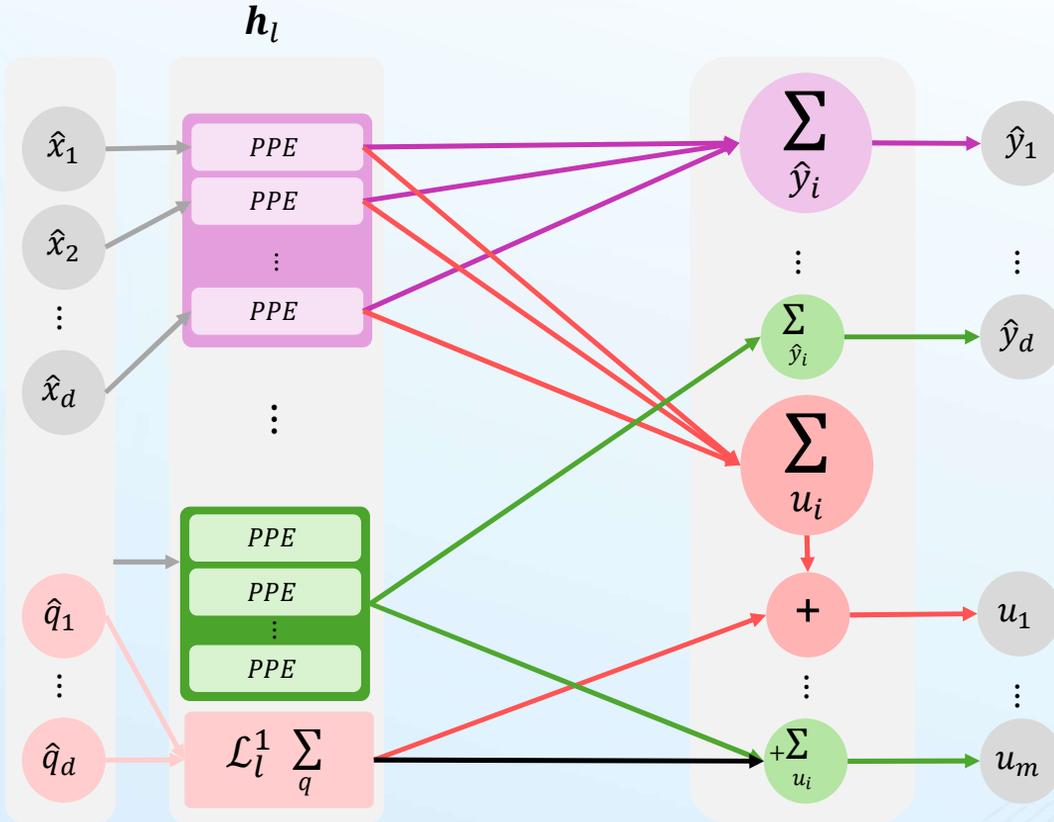


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PPE \equiv Piece-wise polynomial error

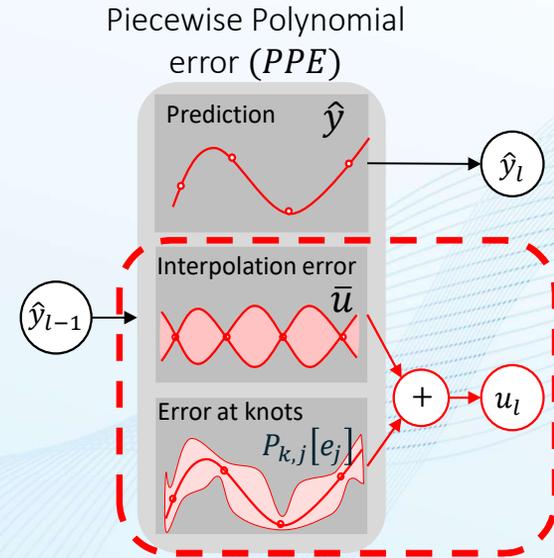
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PPE \equiv Piece-wise polynomial error

$$|h_l(x) - \hat{h}_l(x)| \leq u_{[l]}(\mathbf{1}_n^T \hat{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathcal{L}_l^1 \mathbf{1}_d^T \mathbf{q}$$

[Thm. 2]

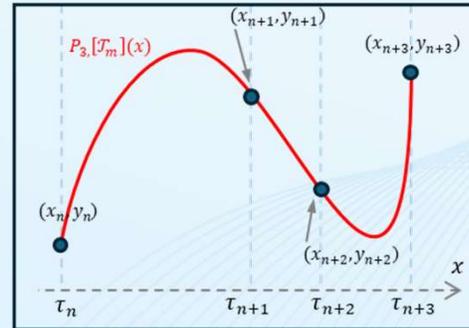
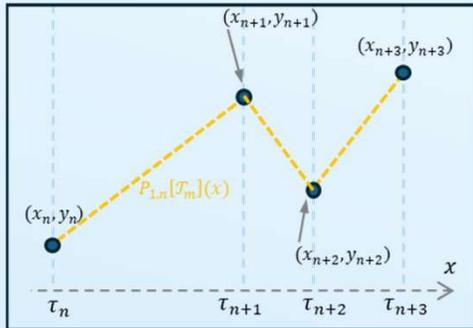
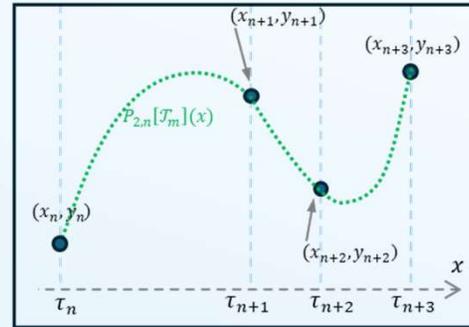
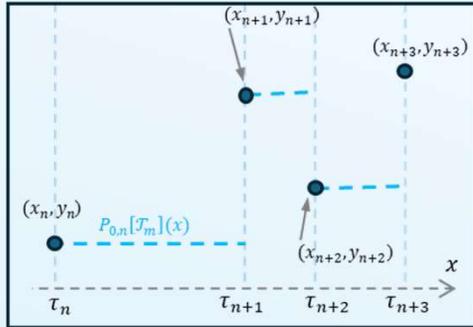


Piecewise Newton's Polynomial

$$f(x) \approx \mathcal{P}_{k,n}[f(\tau_{1:m})](x) := [\tau_n]f + \sum_{i=1}^k [\tau_{n:n+i}]f \prod_{j=n}^{n+i-1} (x - \tau_j)$$

[C. De Boor 1978]

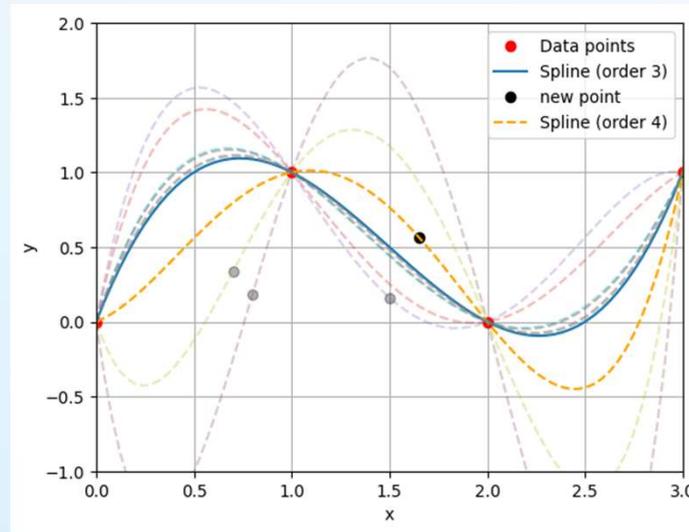
[.]f ≡
Divided
differences



Newton's Polynomial + Remainder

$$f(x) \approx \mathcal{P}_{k,n}[f(\tau_{1:m})](x) := [\tau_n]f + \sum_{i=1}^k [\tau_{n:n+i}]f \prod_{j=n}^{n+i-1} (x - \tau_j) \quad [\text{C. De Boor 1978}]$$

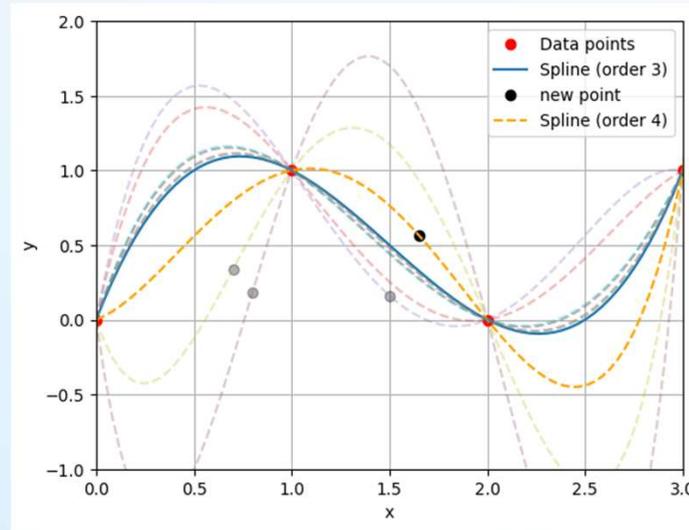
$$f(x) = \mathcal{P}_{k,n}[f(\tau_{1:m})](x) + (x - \tau_n) \dots (x - \tau_{n+k}) [\tau_n, \dots, \tau_{n+k}, x]f \quad [\text{C. De Boor 1978}]$$



Interpolation error \bar{u}

$$f(x) = \mathcal{P}_{k,n}[f(\tau_{1:m})](x) + (x - \tau_n) \dots (x - \tau_{n+k}) [\tau_n, \dots, \tau_{n+k}, x]f \quad [\text{C. De Boor 1978}]$$

$$|f(x) - \mathcal{P}_{k,n}[f(\tau_{1:m})](x)| \leq \frac{\mathcal{L}_f^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} |\prod_{j=n}^{n+i-1} (x - \tau_j)| =: \bar{u}_f(x; \tau_{1:m}) \quad [\text{Thm. 1}]$$

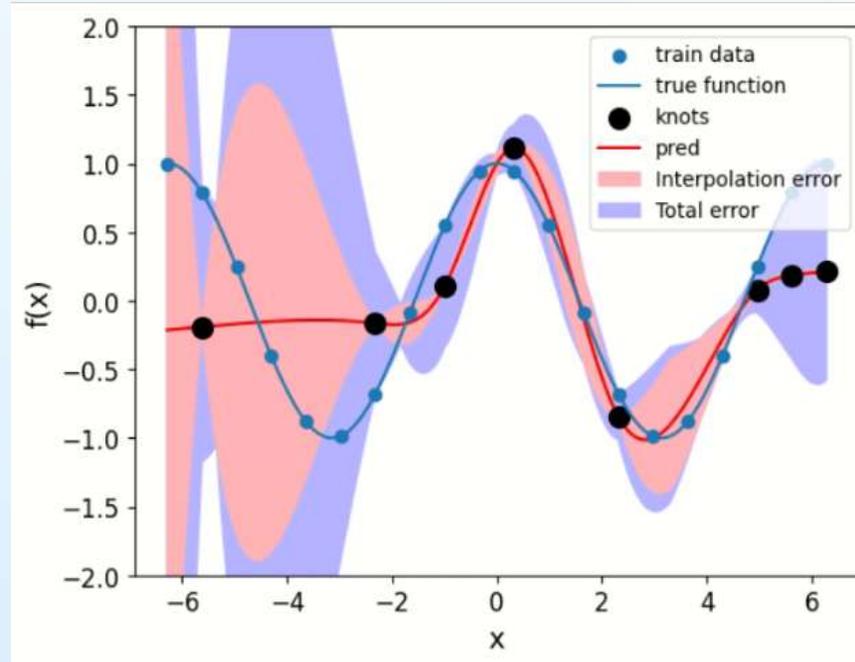


Non-zero error at knot

$$e_n^f(\tau_i) := f(\tau_i) - \hat{f}_{[n]}(\tau_i)$$

$$|f(x) - \hat{f}_{[n]}(x)| \leq \bar{u}_f(x) + |\mathcal{P}_{k,n}[e_n^f(\tau_{1:m})](x)| =: u_f(x; \tau_{1:m})$$

[Lemma 1]



Lipschitz sharing and error division at knots

- Lipschitz division: $\mathcal{L}_f \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_h$

$$\mathcal{L}_f = \prod_{l=1}^L N_l \mathcal{L}_h = (\mathcal{L}_h)^L \prod_{l=1}^L N_l \quad \mathcal{L}_h = \sqrt[L]{\frac{\mathcal{L}_f}{\prod_{l=1}^L N_l}}$$

[Inspired by J. Liu 2020]

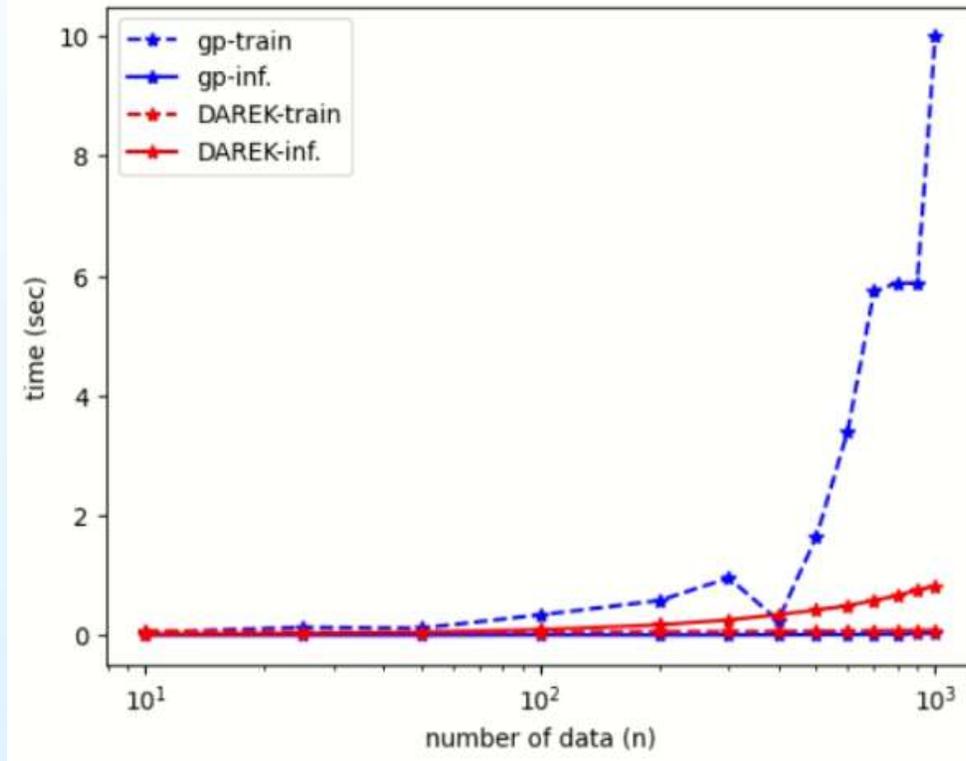
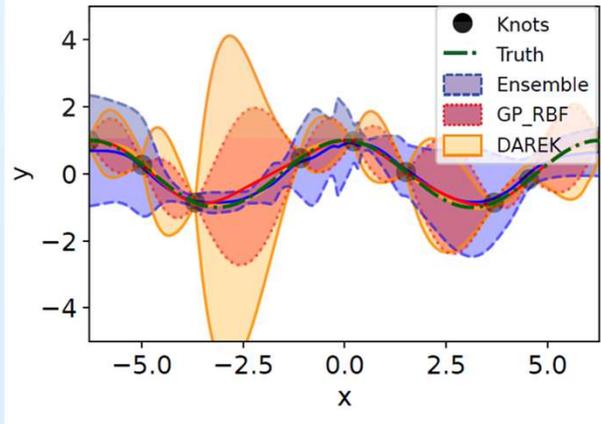
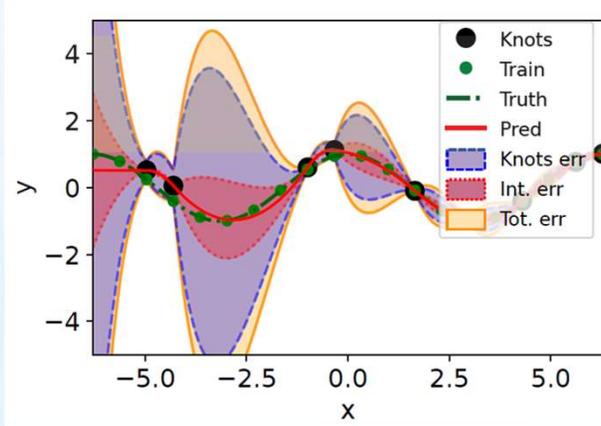
- Error at knot sharing: $e^f \Rightarrow e^h$

$$e^h(\mathbf{1}^\top \hat{\mathbf{g}}(\tau_i)) = e^{g_1}(\tau_i) = \dots = e^{g_n}(\tau_i) \geq \frac{e^f(\tau_i)}{1 + n\mathcal{L}_h^1}$$

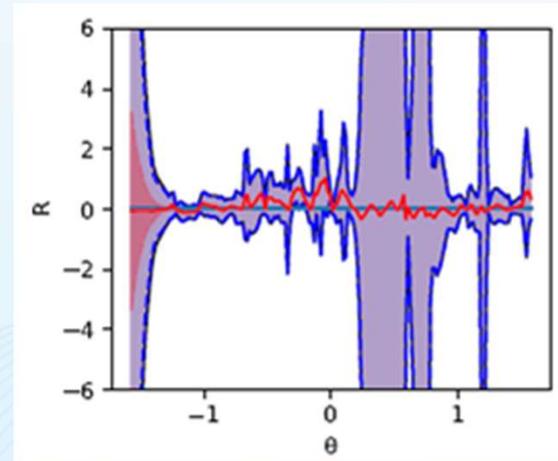
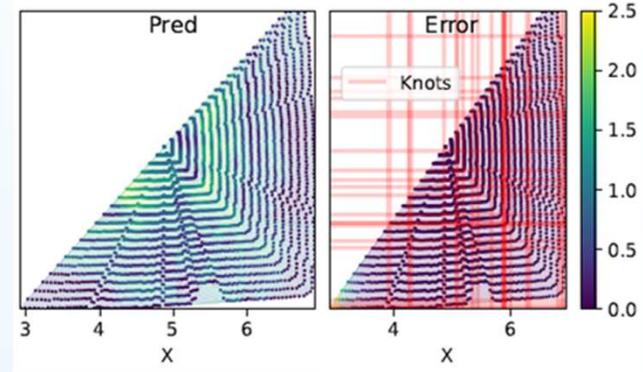
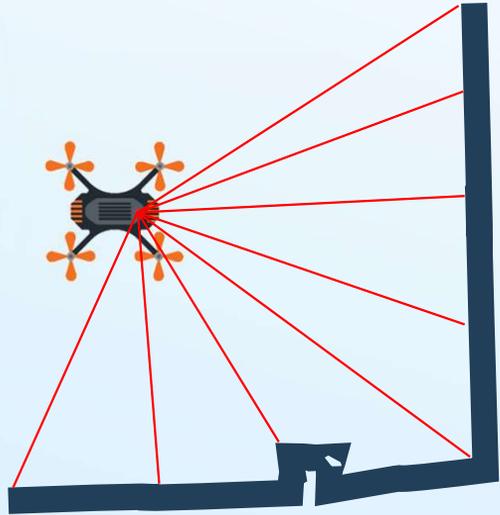
[Assumption 2]

$$e^f(\tau_i) = f(\tau_i) - \hat{f}(\tau_i)$$

Experiments



Experiments



Conclusion

- **DAREK**, a novel framework for **error estimation** in spline based networks
- Provides **structured, interpretable, and computationally efficient worst-case error bounds**
- Uses **piecewise polynomial error estimation**, ensuring **tight, distance-aware error bounds**

Future Work

- **Refine Lipschitz division and error propagation** to improve bound tightness
- **Extend DAREK to higher-dimensional problems** for complex applications
- **Integrate DAREK into real-time safe control systems** for autonomous decision-making

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