# Regression on a Graph 

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## Regression: Scatterplot Smoothing



Davies and Kovac, 2001, Ann. Stat. 29, p1-65.

Regression: Image Analysis


## Regression: Image Analysis



Polzehl and Spokoiny, 2000, JRSSB 62, p355-54.

## Regression: Kernel Smoothing



## Regression: UK House Prices



## Graphs


$(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$

## Graphs in Statistics

Graphical structures can be found in ...

- Scatterplot smoothing
- Image analysis
- Disease risk mapping
- Discrete spatial variation
- Longitudinal data
- ...

Data $=$ Signal + Noise


## Model for Regression on a Graph

Suppose the observations come from a graph $(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$.
Given response observations $y$ we estimate the signal function $f$ that best approximates the data, according to

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Data }=\text { Signal }+ \text { Noise } \\
& y_{i}=f_{i}+\sigma z_{i}, \quad i \in \mathcal{V}
\end{aligned}
$$

- An observation at every vertex
- Edges tell us which observations are close together


## Scatterplot Smoothing Graph



$$
\mathcal{V}=\{1, \ldots, n\} \quad \mathcal{E}=\{\{1,2\},\{2,3\}, \ldots,\{n-1, n\}\}
$$

## Image Analysis Graph



$$
\mathcal{V}=\text { pixels } \mathcal{E}=\text { borders between pixels }
$$

## UK House Price Graph



- $\mathcal{V}=$ post towns
- $\mathcal{E}=$ neighbouring towns


## Regression Tradeoff



## Regression Tradeoff

## Too far from data $\Leftrightarrow$ Too rough

- Measure distance from data at the vertices
- Measure roughness at the edges of the graph


## Scatterplot Smoothing

- Measure distance from data at the vertices
- Measure roughness at the edges of the graph
Minimise
Distance $+\lambda \times$ Roughness
- Might have to use a new algorithm



## Image Analysis



Image Analysis


Kernel smoothing


Penalised regression

Image Analysis


Kernel smoothing


Penalised regression

## UK House Prices



## Summary



- Many problems in regression have a graphical interpretation.
- Measure distance from data and roughness on the graph. This is called penalised regression.
- We have developed a fast algorithm for producing these fits.

