

# SVM et machines à noyaux

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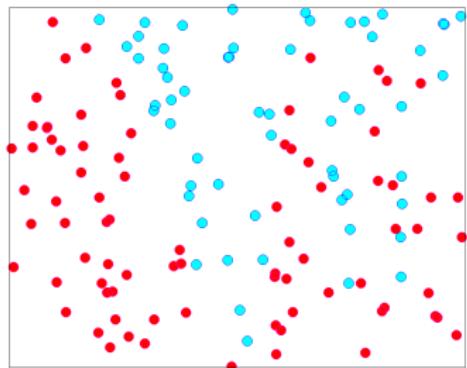
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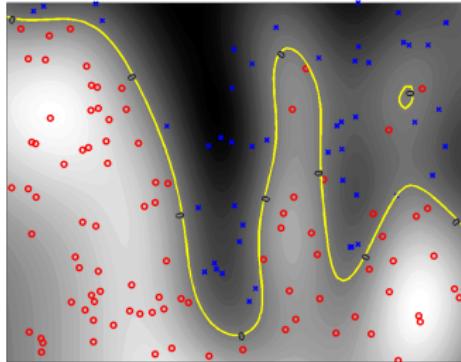
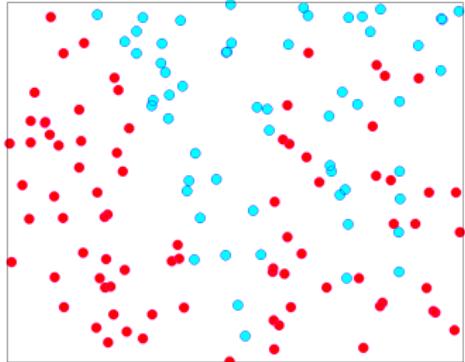
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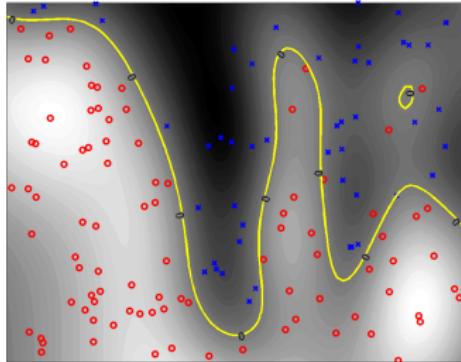
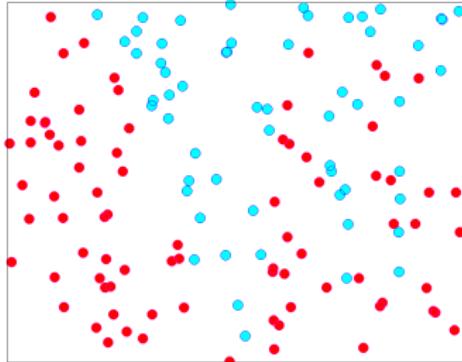
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Kernel machines:  $\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}} (R_{\text{emp}} \text{ and } \mathcal{H} \text{ complexity})$  with kernel based  $\mathcal{H}$

universal, good statistically and computationally

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semi-parametric version: given the family  $q_j(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $j = 1, p$

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# Machine à noyaux

## Definition (Kernel machines)

$$\mathcal{A}((\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)_{i=1,n})(\mathbf{x}) = \psi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i) + \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j q_j(\mathbf{x}) \right)$$

$\alpha$  et  $\beta$ : parameters to be estimated.

## Exemples

$$\mathcal{A}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (x - x_i)_+^3 + \beta_0 + \beta_1 x \quad \text{splines}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i \exp^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i\|^2}{b}} + \beta_0 \right) \quad \text{SVM}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(y|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left( \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i \mathbb{I}_{\{y=y_i\}} (\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + b)^2 \right) \quad \text{exponential family}$$

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In the beginning was the kernel...

## Definition (Kernel)

a function of two variable  $k$  from  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$

## Definition (Positive kernel)

A kernel  $k(s, t)$  on  $\mathcal{X}$  is said to be positive

- if it is symmetric:  $k(s, t) = k(t, s)$
- and if for any finite positive integer  $n$ :

$$\forall \{\alpha_i\}_{i=1,n} \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1,n} \in \mathcal{X}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \geq 0$$

it is strictly positive if for  $\alpha_i \neq 0$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) > 0$$

## Examples of positive kernels

the linear kernel:  $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{t}$

symmetric:  $\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{s}$

positive:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j \mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}_j \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{x}_i \right)^\top \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \mathbf{x}_j \right) = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{x}_i \right\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

the product kernel:  $k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = g(\mathbf{s})g(\mathbf{t})$  for some  $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

symmetric by construction

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$k$  is positive  $\Leftrightarrow$  (its square root exists)  $\Leftrightarrow k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \langle \phi_{\mathbf{s}}, \phi_{\mathbf{t}} \rangle$

## Example: finite kernel

let  $\phi_j, j = 1, p$  be a finite dictionary of functions from  $\mathcal{X}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  (polynomials, wavelets...)

### the feature map and linear kernel

feature map: 
$$\begin{aligned}\Phi : \quad \mathcal{X} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p \\ \mathbf{s} &\mapsto \Phi = (\phi_1(\mathbf{s}), \dots, \phi_p(\mathbf{s}))\end{aligned}$$

Linear kernel in the feature space:

$$k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = (\phi_1(\mathbf{s}), \dots, \phi_p(\mathbf{s}))^\top (\phi_1(\mathbf{t}), \dots, \phi_p(\mathbf{t}))$$

e.g. the quadratic kernel:  $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = (\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{t} + b)^2$

feature map:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi : \quad \mathbb{R}^d &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p=1+d+\frac{d(d+1)}{2}} \\ \mathbf{s} &\mapsto \Phi = (1, \sqrt{2}s_1, \dots, \sqrt{2}s_j, \dots, \sqrt{2}s_d, s_1^2, \dots, s_j^2, \dots, s_d^2, \dots, \sqrt{2}s_i s_j, \dots)\end{aligned}$$

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$p = 1 + d + \frac{d(d+1)}{2}$  multiplications vs.  $d + 1$   
use kernel to save computation

# Positive definite Kernel (PDK) algebra (closure)

if  $k_1(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})$  and  $k_2(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})$  are two positive kernels

- DPK are a convex cone:  $\forall a_1 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \quad a_1 k_1(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) + k_2(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})$
- product kernel  $k_1(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})k_2(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})$

## proofs

- by linearity:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j (a_1 k_1(i, j) + k_2(i, j)) = a_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j k_1(i, j) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j k_2(i, j)$$

- assuming  $\exists \psi_\ell$  s.t.  $k_1(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \sum_\ell \psi_\ell(\mathbf{s})\psi_\ell(\mathbf{t})$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j k_1(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) k_2(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j \left( \sum_\ell \psi_\ell(\mathbf{x}_i) \psi_\ell(\mathbf{x}_j) k_2(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \right) \\ &= \sum_\ell \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (\alpha_i \psi_\ell(\mathbf{x}_i)) (\alpha_j \psi_\ell(\mathbf{x}_j)) k_2(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \end{aligned}$$

## Kernel engineering: building PDK

- for any polynomial with positive coef.  $\phi$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$   
 $\phi(k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}))$
- if  $\Psi$  is a function from  $\mathbb{R}^d$  to  $\mathbb{R}^d$   
 $k(\Psi(\mathbf{s}), \Psi(\mathbf{t}))$
- if  $\varphi$  from  $\mathbb{R}^d$  to  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , is minimum in 0  
 $k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{t}) - \varphi(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{t})$
- convolution of two positive kernels is a positive kernel  
 $K_1 \star K_2$

Example : the Gaussian kernel is a PDK

$$\begin{aligned}\exp(-\|\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{t}\|^2) &= \exp(-\|\mathbf{s}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{t}\|^2 - 2\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{t}) \\ &= \exp(-\|\mathbf{s}\|^2) \exp(-\|\mathbf{t}\|^2) \exp(2\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{t})\end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{t}$  is a PDK and function  $\exp$  as the limit of positive series expansion, so  $\exp(2\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{t})$  is a PDK
- $\exp(-\|\mathbf{s}\|^2) \exp(-\|\mathbf{t}\|^2)$  is a PDK as a product kernel
- the product of two PDK is a PDK

## an attempt at classifying PD kernels

- stationary kernels, (also called translation invariant):

$$k(s, t) = k_s(s - t)$$

► radial (isotropic)

gaussian:  $\exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{b}\right)$ ,  $r = \|s - t\|$

► with compact support

c.s. Matérn :  $\max\left(0, 1 - \left(\frac{r}{b}\right)^\kappa\right) \frac{r^\kappa}{b} B_k\left(\frac{r}{b}\right)$ ,  $\kappa \geq (d + 1)/2$

► locally stationary kernels:

$$k(s, t) = k_1(s + t)k_s(s - t)$$

$K_1$  is a non negative function and  $K_2$  a radial kernel.

- non stationary (projective kernels):

$$k(s, t) = k_p(s^\top t)$$

► separable kernels  $k(s, t) = k_1(s)k_2(t)$  with  $k_1$  and  $k_2(t)$  PDK  
in this case  $K = k_1 k_2^\top$  where  $k_1 = (k_1(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, k_1(\mathbf{x}_n))$

## some examples of PD kernels...

type	name	$k(s, t)$
radial	gaussian	$\exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{b}\right), \quad r = \ s - t\ $
radial	laplacian	$\exp(-r/b)$
radial	rational	$1 - \frac{r^2}{r^2+b}$
radial	loc. gauss.	$\max(0, 1 - \frac{r}{3b})^d \exp(-\frac{r^2}{b})$
non stat.	$\chi^2$	$\exp(-r/b), \quad r = \sum_k \frac{(s_k - t_k)^2}{s_k + t_k}$
projective	polynomial	$(s^\top t)^p$
projective	affine	$(s^\top t + b)^p$
projective	cosine	$s^\top t / \ s\  \ t\ $
projective	correlation	$\exp\left(\frac{s^\top t}{\ s\  \ t\ } - b\right)$

Most of the kernels depends on a quantity  $b$  called the bandwidth

the importance of the Kernel bandwidth

for the affine Kernel: Bandwidth = bias

$$k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = (\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{t} + b)^p = b^p \left( \frac{\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{t}}{b} + 1 \right)^p$$

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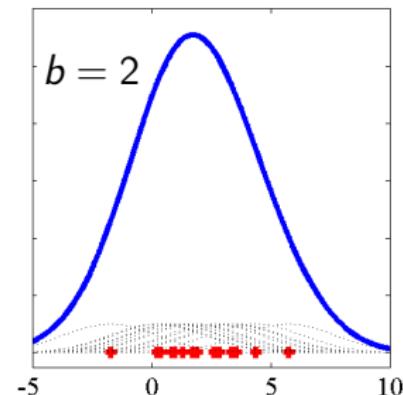
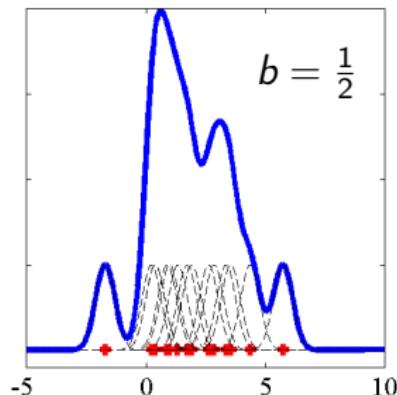
1 d density estimation

+ data

$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

- Parzen estimate

$$\hat{P}(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{i=1}^n k(x, x_i)$$



## kernels for objects and structures

kernels on histograms and probability distributions

kernel on strings

- spectral string kernel
- using sub sequences
- similarities by alignments

$$k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \sum_u \phi_u(\mathbf{s})\phi_u(\mathbf{t})$$

$$k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \sum_{\pi} \exp(\beta(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}, \pi))$$

## kernels on graphs

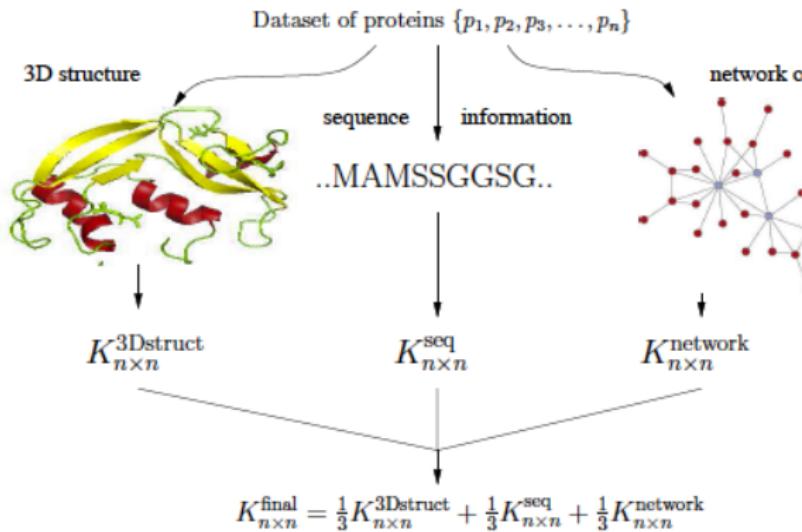
- the pseudo inverse of the (regularized) graph Laplacian

$$L = D - A \quad A \text{ is the adjacency matrix } D \text{ the degree matrix}$$

- diffusion kernels  $\frac{1}{Z(b)} \exp^{bL}$
- subgraph kernel convolution (using random walks)

and kernels on HMM, automata, dynamical system...

# Multiple kernel



**Figure 2:** A dataset of proteins can be regarded in (at least) three different ways: of 3D structures, a dataset of sequences and a set of nodes in a network which in other. A different kernel matrix can be extracted from each datatype, using known shapes, strings and graphs. The resulting kernels can then be combined together with weights, as is the case above where a simple average is considered, or estimated as the subject of Section 5.2.

## Gram matrix

### Definition (Gram matrix)

let  $k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})$  be a positive kernel on  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $(\mathbf{x}_i)_{i=1,n}$  a sequence on  $\mathcal{X}$ . the Gram matrix is the square  $K$  of dimension  $n$  and of general term  $K_{ij} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$ .

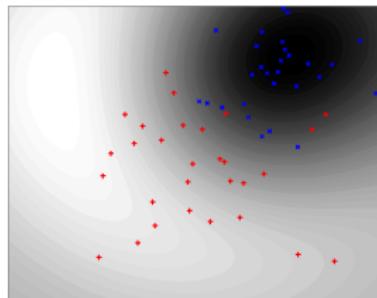
practical trick to check kernel positivity:

$K$  is positive  $\Leftrightarrow \lambda_i > 0$  its eigenvalues are positives: if  $K\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_i; i = 1, n$

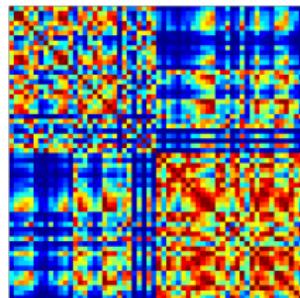
$$\mathbf{u}_i^\top K \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i^\top \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i$$

matrix  $K$  is the one to be used

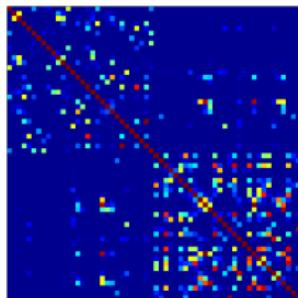
## Examples of Gram matrices with different bandwidth



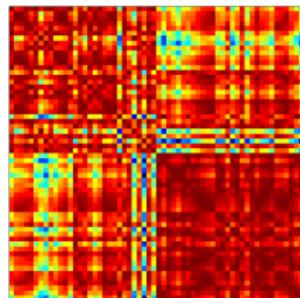
raw data



Gram matrix for  $b = 2$



$b = .5$



$b = 10$

different point of view about kernels

kernel and scalar product

$$k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \langle \phi(\mathbf{s}), \phi(\mathbf{t}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$$

kernel and distance

$$d(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})^2 = k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}) + k(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}) - 2k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})$$

kernel and covariance: a positive matrix is a covariance matrix

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{f}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_0)^\top K^{-1}(\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_0)\right)$$

$$\text{if } f_0 = 0 \text{ and } f = K\alpha, \mathbb{P}(\alpha) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp -\frac{1}{2}\alpha^\top K\alpha$$

Kernel and regularity (green's function)

$$k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = P^* P \delta_{\mathbf{s}-\mathbf{t}} \quad \text{for some operator } P \quad (\text{e.g. some differential})$$

## Let's summarize

- positive kernels
- there is a lot of them
- can be rather complex
- 2 classes: radial / projective
- the bandwidth matters (more than the kernel itself)
- the Gram matrix summarize the pairwise comparisons

# Roadmap

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## From kernel to functions

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \left\{ f \mid m_f < \infty; f_j \in \mathbb{R}; t_j \in \mathcal{X}, f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_f} f_j k(\mathbf{x}, t_j) \right\}$$

let define the bilinear form ( $g(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_g} g_i k(\mathbf{x}, s_i)$ ) :

$$\forall f, g \in \mathcal{H}_0, \langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_0} = \sum_{j=1}^{m_f} \sum_{i=1}^{m_g} f_j g_i k(t_j, s_i)$$

Evaluation functional:  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \langle f(\bullet), k(\mathbf{x}, \bullet) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_0}$$

from  $k$  to  $\mathcal{H}$

for any positive kernel, a hypothesis set can be constructed  $\mathcal{H} = \overline{\mathcal{H}}_0$  with its metric

# RKHS

Definition (reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS))

a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  embedded with the inner product  $\langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$  is said to be with reproducing kernel if it exists a positive kernel  $k$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\forall s \in \mathcal{X}, \quad k(\bullet, s) &\in \mathcal{H} \\ \forall f \in \mathcal{H}, \quad f(s) &= \langle f(\bullet), k(s, \bullet) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}\end{aligned}$$

Beware:  $f = f(\bullet)$  is a function while  $f(s)$  is the real value of  $f$  at point  $s$

positive kernel  $\Leftrightarrow$  RKHS

- any function in  $\mathcal{H}$  is pointwise defined
- defines the inner product
- it defines the **regularity** (smoothness) of the hypothesis set

Exercice: let  $f(\bullet) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i k(\bullet, x_i)$ . Show that  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \alpha^\top K \alpha$

Remark about the regularity matter: from  $\mathcal{H}$  to  $k$

How to build  $\mathcal{H}$  together with  $k$ ?

let  $\Gamma_t$  be a family in  $L^2$ ,  $t \in \mathcal{X}$  (e.g.  $\Gamma_t(s) = \mathbb{1}_{\{s \leq t\}}$ ;  $\mathcal{X} = [0, 1]$ )

define the following mapping

$$\begin{aligned} S_t : L^2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} & f(t) &= S_t(g) = \langle g, \Gamma_t \rangle_{L^2} \\ g &\mapsto S_t(g) & &= \int g(x) \Gamma_t(x) dx \\ && &= \int_0^1 g(x) \mathbb{1}_{\{x \leq t\}} dx & f(t) &= \int_0^t g(x) dx = G(t) \end{aligned}$$

the following RKHS can be constructed

$$\mathcal{H} = \text{Im}(S) \quad \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle_{L^2} \quad k(s, t) = \langle \Gamma_s, \Gamma_t \rangle_{L^2}$$

the reproducing property is verified:

$$\langle f(\cdot), k(\cdot, t) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \langle g, \Gamma_t \rangle_{L^2} = f(t)$$

## $\Gamma_x$ examples and associated kernels

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Gaussian	$\frac{1}{Z} \exp^{-\frac{(x-u)^2}{2}}$	$\frac{1}{Z'} \exp^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4}}$

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the Cameron Martin operator:  $\forall f \in \mathcal{H}, \exists g \in L^2$  such that

$$f(t) = (Sg)(t) = \int \Gamma_t(u) g(u) du = \int \mathbb{1}_{\{t \leq u\}} g(u) du = G(t)$$

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \|Sg\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \|g\|_{L^2}^2 = \|f'\|_{L^2}^2 \quad \text{generalized differential}$$

integral  $S = P^{-1}$  differential

## *other kernels (what really matters)*

- finite kernels

$$k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = (\phi_1(\mathbf{s}), \dots, \phi_p(\mathbf{s}))^\top (\phi_1(\mathbf{t}), \dots, \phi_p(\mathbf{t}))$$

- Mercer kernels

positive on a compact set

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j \phi_j(\mathbf{s}) \phi_j(\mathbf{t})$$

- **positive kernels**

- positive semi-definite

- conditionnaly positive (for some functions  $p_j$ )

$$\forall \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1,n}, \forall \alpha_i, \sum_i^n \alpha_i p_j(\mathbf{x}_i) = 0; \quad j = 1, p, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \geq 0$$

- symmetric non positive

$$k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) = \tanh(\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{t} + \alpha_0)$$

- non symmetric – non positive

the key property:  $\nabla_{J_t}(f) = k(t, .)$  holds

# The kernel map

- observation:  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_d)^\top$ 
  - ▶  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d}$
- feature map:  $\mathbf{x} \longrightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = (\phi_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \phi_j(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \phi_p(\mathbf{x}))^\top$ 
  - ▶  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^d \longmapsto \mathbb{R}^p$
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- kernel dictionary:  $\mathbf{x} \longrightarrow \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}) = (k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_1), \dots, k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i), \dots, k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_n))^\top$ 
  - ▶  $\mathbf{k} : \mathbb{R}^d \longmapsto \mathbb{R}^n$
  - ▶  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i) = \langle \alpha, \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n}$
- kernel map:  $\mathbf{x} \longrightarrow k(\bullet, \mathbf{x}) \quad p = \infty$ 
  - ▶  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \langle f(\bullet), K(\bullet, \mathbf{x}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$

# Roadmap

## 1 Statistical learning and kernels

- The statistical learning problem
- Kernels
- Kernel and hypothesis set
- Functional differentiation in RKHS

# Functional differentiation in RKHS

Let  $J$  be a functional

$$\begin{array}{rcl} J : & \mathcal{H} \rightarrow & \mathbb{R} \\ & f \mapsto & J(f) \end{array} \quad \text{examples:} \quad J_1(f) = \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2, J_2(f) = f(\mathbf{x}),$$

$J$  directional derivative in direction  $g$  at point  $f$

$$dJ(f, g) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{J(f + \varepsilon g) - J(f)}{\varepsilon}$$

Gradient  $\nabla_J(f)$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \nabla_J : & \mathcal{H} & \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \\ & f & \mapsto \nabla_J(f) \end{array} \quad \text{si} \quad dJ(f, g) = \langle \nabla_J(f), g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$$

exercise: find out  $\nabla_{J_1}(f)$  et  $\nabla_{J_2}(f)$

Hint

$$dJ(f, g) = \frac{dJ(f + \varepsilon g)}{d\varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0}$$

## Solution

$$\begin{aligned} dJ_1(f, g) &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f + \varepsilon g\|^2 - \|f\|^2}{\varepsilon} \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f\|^2 + \varepsilon^2 \|g\|^2 + 2\varepsilon \langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} - \|f\|^2}{\varepsilon} \quad\Leftrightarrow\quad \nabla_{J_1}(f) = 2f \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon \|g\|^2 + 2\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= \langle 2f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\underset{f \in \mathcal{H}}{\text{Minimize}} \ J(f) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall g \in \mathcal{H}, \ dJ(f, g) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \nabla J(f) = 0$$

# Subdifferential in a RKHS $\mathcal{H}$

## Definition (Sub gradient)

a subgradient of  $J : \mathcal{H} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  at  $f_0$  is any function  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\forall f \in \mathcal{V}(f_0), \quad J(f) \geq J(f_0) + \langle g, (f - f_0) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$$

## Definition (Subdifferential)

$\partial J(f)$ , the subdifferential of  $J$  at  $f$  is the set of all subgradients of  $J$  at  $f$ .

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R} \quad J_3(x) = |x| \quad \partial J_3(0) = \{g \in \mathbb{R} \mid -1 < g < 1\}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R} \quad J_4(x) = \max(0, 1 - x) \quad \partial J_4(1) = \{g \in \mathbb{R} \mid -1 < g < 0\}$$

## Theorem (Chain rule for linear Subdifferential)

Let  $T$  be a linear operator  $\mathcal{H} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi$  a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$

If  $J(f) = \varphi(Tf)$

Then  $\partial J(f) = \{T^*g \mid g \in \partial \varphi(Tf)\}$ , where  $T^*$  denotes  $T$ 's adjoint operator

example of subdifferential in  $\mathcal{H}$

evaluation operator and its adjoint

$$\begin{array}{ll} T : \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n & T^* : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathcal{H} \\ f \longmapsto & Tf = (f(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, f(\mathbf{x}_n))^\top \\ & \alpha \longmapsto T^*\alpha \end{array}$$

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$$= K\alpha$$

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## Example of subdifferentials

$$x \text{ given } J_5(f) = |f(x)|$$

$$\partial J_5(f_0) = \{g(\bullet) = \alpha k(\bullet, \mathbf{x}) ; -1 < \alpha < 1\}$$

$$x \text{ given } J_6(f) = \max(0, 1 - f(x))$$

$$\partial J_6(f_1) = \{g(\bullet) = \alpha k(\bullet, \mathbf{x}) ; -1 < \alpha < 0\}$$

## Let's summarize

- positive kernels  $\Leftrightarrow$  RKHS  $= \mathcal{H}$   $\Leftrightarrow$  regularity  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$
- the key property:  $\nabla_{J_t}(f) = k(t, .)$  holds not only for positive kernels  
 $f(\mathbf{x}_i)$  exists (pointwise defined functions)
- universal consistency in RKHS
- the Gram matrix summarize the pairwise comparisons