

# Fock spaces and the universal approximation theorem for Gaussian kernels <sup>1</sup>

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## Kernel trick

For given data  $x_1, \dots, x_n, x_j \mapsto k_{x_j} := k(\cdot, x_j)$ .

## Introduction 2

In the kernel method, predictions are given in the form

$$\sum_{j=1}^n c_j k_{x_j}(x_*) \quad (x_* : \text{a new input}).$$

Particularly, in Gaussian process regression,

$$k(x, y) = \exp(-\gamma \|x - y\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^2) \quad (\gamma > 0)$$

plays very important roles.

- Universal Approximation Theorem (UAT) ensures representability of Gaussian kernels.
- In this talk, we shall give a very short proof of UAT for the Gaussian.

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Simple observation

Since

$$\left| f(x) - \sum_{j=1}^n c_j e^{-\gamma \|x - x_j\|^2} \right| = e^{-\gamma \|x\|^2} \left| e^{\gamma \|x\|^2} f(x) - \sum_{j=1}^n c_j e^{-\gamma \|x_j\|} e^{2\gamma \langle x, x_j \rangle} \right|,$$

it suffices to consider exponentials of kernel functions.

## Setting

$X$ : a locally compact Hausdorff space,

$k$ : a real-valued continuous kernel function on  $X \times X$ ,

$\mathcal{H}_k$ : the real RKHS generated by  $k$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{H}_k) := \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \mathcal{H}_k^{\otimes n} \quad (\text{algebraic direct sum}),$$

$\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{H}_k)$ : the completion of  $\mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{H}_k)$  w.r.t  $(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \|F_n\|_{\mathcal{H}_k^{\otimes n}}^2)^{1/2}$ ,

$$F_n \circ \Delta_n(x) := F_n(x, \dots, x) \quad (F_n \in \mathcal{H}_k^{\otimes n}),$$

$$\Gamma : \begin{pmatrix} F_0 \\ F_1 \\ F_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (F_n \circ \Delta_n) \quad \left( \begin{pmatrix} F_0 \\ F_1 \\ F_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{H}_k) \right).$$



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2.  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{H}_k))$  is an algebra.

$$\because \forall F_n \in \mathcal{H}_k^{\otimes n}, \quad \forall G_m \in \mathcal{H}_k^{\otimes m},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(F_n)\Gamma(G_m) &= \frac{1}{n!} (F_n \circ \Delta_n) \frac{1}{m!} (G_m \circ \Delta_m) \\ &= \frac{1}{n!m!} (F_n \otimes G_m) \circ \Delta_{n+m} \\ &= \frac{(n+m)!}{n!m!} \Gamma(F_n \otimes G_m). \end{aligned}$$

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### 4. Conclusion.

Suppose that  $\mathcal{H}_k$  separates any distinct two points in  $X$ .

Then, by the Stone-Weierstrass theorem,

$$\overline{\{g|_K : g \in \Gamma(\mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{H}_k))\}}^{\|\cdot\|_{K,\infty}} = C_{\mathbb{R}}(K) \quad (K : \text{compact}).$$

Hence,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \forall f \in C_{\mathbb{R}}(K), \exists g \in \Gamma(\mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{H}_k))$  and

$$\exists h = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \exp k_{x_j} \in \mathcal{H}_{\exp k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t. } |f(x) - h(x)| &\leq |f(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - h(x)| \quad (\forall x \in K) \\ &\leq \|f - g\|_{K,\infty} + \|g - h\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\exp k}} \|\exp k_x\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\exp k}} < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

## Further applications of $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}_0(\mathcal{H}_k)) \subset \mathcal{H}_{\exp k}$

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### Definition

$k$  is said to be strictly positive definite if

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x_1, \dots, x_n \in X \text{ (distinct)}, \forall (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n c_i c_j k(x_i, x_j) > 0.$$