# Discriminative Embeddings of Latent Variable Models for Structured Data

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### What is a kernel?

A feature map transforms the input space to a feature space:

Input space Feature space 
$$\varphi: \widehat{\mathbb{R}^n} \to \widehat{\mathbb{R}^m}$$
 (1)

A kernel function k is a real-valued function with two inputs:

$$k: \Omega \times \Omega \to \mathbb{R} \tag{2}$$

Kernel functions generalize the notion of inner products to feature maps:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \varphi(\mathbf{x})^{\mathsf{T}} \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \tag{3}$$

Gives us  $\varphi(x)^{\mathsf{T}}\varphi(y)$  without directly computing  $\varphi(x)$  or  $\varphi(y)$ .

#### What is a kernel?

Consider the univariate polynomial regression algorithm:

$$\hat{f}(x;\beta) = \beta \varphi(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \dots + \beta_m x^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \beta_j x^j \qquad (4)$$

Where  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = [1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^m]$ . We seek  $\beta$  minimizing the error:

$$\beta^* = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||\mathbf{Y} - \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{X}; \beta)||^2$$
 (5)

Can solve for  $\beta^*$  using the normal equation or gradient descent:

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}^* = (\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{Y} \tag{6}$$

$$\beta' \leftarrow \beta - \alpha \nabla_{\beta} ||\mathbf{Y} - \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{X}; \beta)||^2$$
 (7)

What happens if we want to approximate a multivariate polynomial?

$$z(x,y) = 1 + \beta_x x + \beta_y y + \beta_{xy} xy + \beta_{x^2} x^2 + \beta_{y^2} y^2 + \beta_{xy^2} xy^2 + \dots$$
 (8)

#### What is a kernel?

Consider the polynomial kernel  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (1 + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y})^2$  with  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (1 + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y})^2 = (1 + x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2)^2$$

$$= 1 + x_1^2 y_1^2 + x_2^2 y_2^2 + 2x_1 y_1 + 2x_2 y_2 + 2x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2$$
(10)

This gives us the same result as computing the 6 dimensional feature map:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \varphi(\mathbf{x})^{\mathsf{T}} \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \tag{11}$$

$$= [1, x_1^2, x_2^2, \sqrt{2}x_1, \sqrt{2}x_2, \sqrt{2}x_1x_2]^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ y_1^2\\ y_2^2\\ \sqrt{2}y_1\\ \sqrt{2}y_2\\ \sqrt{2}y_1y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

But does not require computing  $\varphi(x)$  or  $\varphi(y)$ .

### Examples of common kernels

### Popular kernels

Polynomial	$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} + r)^n$	$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d, n \in \mathbb{N}, r \geq 0$
Laplacian	$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \exp\left(-\frac{\ \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\ }{\sigma}\right)$	$\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}\in\mathbb{R}^d,\sigma>0$
Gaussian RBF	$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \exp\left(-\frac{\ \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\ ^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$	$\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}\in\mathbb{R}^d,\sigma>0$

### Popular Graph Kernels

RW	$k_{ imes}(G,H):=\sum\limits_{i,j=1}^{ V_{ imes} }[\sum\limits_{n=1}^{\infty}\lambda^{n}A_{ imes}^{n}]_{ij}=\mathbf{e}^{\intercal}(\mathbf{I}-\lambda A_{ imes})^{-1}\mathbf{e}$	$\mathcal{O}(n^6)$	
SP	$k_{SP}(G, H) := \sum_{s_1 \in SD(G)} \sum_{s_2 \in SD(H)} k(s_1, s_2)$		
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	$I^{(i)}(G) := egin{cases} deg_{v}, orall v \in G & i = 1 \\ HASH(\{\{I^{(i-1)}(u), orall u \in \mathcal{N}(v)\}\}) & i > 1 \end{cases}$		
WL	$HASH(\{\{I^{(i-1)}(u), \forall u \in \mathcal{N}(v)\}\})  i > 1$	O(hm)	
	$k_{WL}(G, H) := \langle \psi_{WL}(G), \psi_{WL}(H) \rangle$		

 $\verb|https://people.mpi-inf.mpg.de/~mehlhorn/ftp/genWLpaper.pdf| \\$ 

#### Positive definite kernels

#### Positive Definite Matrix

A symmetric matrix  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{N^2}$  is **positive definite** if  $\mathbf{x}^\intercal K \mathbf{x} > 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \mathbf{0}$ .

#### Positive Definite Kernel

A symmetric kernel k is called positive definite on  $\Omega$  if its associated kernel matrix  $\mathbf{K} = [k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)]_{i,j=0}^N$  is positive definite  $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\} \subset \Omega$ .

http://www.math.iit.edu/~fass/PDKernels.pdf

## What is an inner product space?

#### Linear function

Let X be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . A function  $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$  is **linear** iff  $f(\alpha x) = \alpha f(x)$  and f(x+z) = f(x) + f(z) for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, x, z \in X$ .

#### Inner product space

X is an inner product space if there exists a symmetric bilinear map  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$  if  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in X, \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle > 0$  (i.e. is positive definite).

### Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality

If X is an inner product space, then  $\forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{X}, |\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle|^2 < \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ .

#### Scalar Product Vector Dot Product Random Variable

$$\langle x, y \rangle := xy$$

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  $\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle := x^{\mathsf{T}}y$   $\langle X, Y \rangle := \mathbb{E}(XY)$ 

### What is a Hilbert space?

Let  $d: X \times X \to \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  be a metric on the space X.

### Cauchy sequence

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called a **Cauchy sequence** if

 $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ such that } \forall n, m \geq N, d(x_n, x_m) \leq \varepsilon.$ 

#### Completeness

X is called **complete** if every Cauchy sequence converges to a point in X.

### Separability

X is called **separable** if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in X$  s.t. every nonempty open subset of X contains at least one element of the sequence.

### Hilbert space

A Hilbert space  ${\mathcal H}$  is an inner product space that is complete and separable.

### Properties of Hilbert Spaces

#### Hilbert space inner products are kernels

The inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \to \mathbb{R}$  is a positive definite kernel:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{n} c_{i} c_{j}(x_{i}, x_{j})_{\mathcal{H}} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{i} x_{i}, \sum_{j=1}^{n} c_{j} x_{j} \right)_{\mathcal{H}} = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{i} x_{i} \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{2} \ge 0$$

### Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS)

Any continuous, symmetric, positive definite kernel  $k: X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$  has a corresponding Hilbert space, which induces a feature map  $\varphi: X \to \mathcal{H}$  satisfying  $k(x,y) = \langle \varphi(x), \varphi(y) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$ .

http://jmlr.csail.mit.edu/papers/volume11/vishwanathan10a/vishwanathan10a.pdf https://marcocuturi.net/Papers/pdk\_in\_ml.pdf

### Hilbert Space Embedding of Distributions

Maps distributions into potentially infinite dimensional feature spaces:

$$\mu_X := \mathbb{E}_X[\phi(X)] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \phi(x) p(x) dx : \mathcal{P} \mapsto \mathcal{F}$$
 (13)

By choosing the right kernel, we can make this mapping injective.

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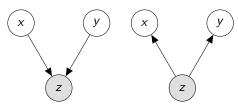
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#### Belief Networks

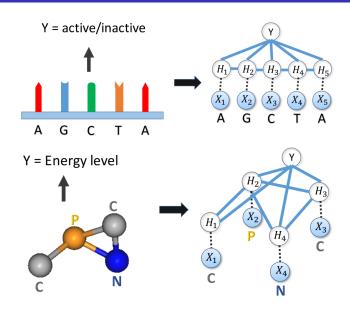
Belief network is a distribution of the form:

$$P(x_1,...,x_D) = \prod_{i=1}^{D} P(x_i|pa(x_i))$$
 (19)



$$P(X, Y|Z) \propto P(Z|X, Y)P(X)P(Y) \quad P(X, Y|Z) = P(X|Z)P(Y|Z)$$

### Latent Variable Models



### Embedded mean field

### Algorithm 1 Embedded Mean Field

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1: Input: parameter W in \mathcal{T}
2: Initialize \widetilde{\mu}_i^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}, for all i \in \mathcal{V}
3: for t = 1 to T do
4: for i \in \mathcal{V} do
5: l_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \widetilde{\mu}_i^{(t-1)}
            \widetilde{\mu}_i^{(t)} = \sigma(W_1 x_i + W_2 l_i)
    end for
8: end for{fixed point equation update}
9: return \{\widetilde{\mu}_i^T\}_{i\in\mathcal{V}}
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### Embedded loopy belief propagation

### Algorithm 2 Embedding Loopy BP

```
1: Input: parameter W in \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2
 2: Initialize \widetilde{\nu}_{ij}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}, for all (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}
 3: for t = 1 to T do
 4: for (i, j) \in \mathcal{E} do
               \widetilde{\nu}_{ij}^t = \sigma(W_1 x_i + W_2 \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}(i) \setminus j} \widetilde{\nu}_{ki}^{(t-1)})
         end for
  7: end for
 8: for i \in \mathcal{V} do
       \widetilde{\mu}_i = \sigma(W_3 x_i + W_4 \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}(i) \setminus i} \widetilde{\nu}_{ki}^{(T)})
10: end for
11: return \{\widetilde{\mu}_i\}_{i\in\mathcal{V}}
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### Discriminative Embedding

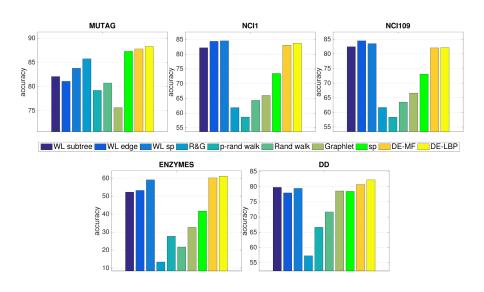
#### Algorithm 3 Discriminative Embedding

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Input: Dataset \mathcal{D} = \{\chi_n, y_n\}_{n=1}^N, loss function l(f(\chi), y). Initialize \mathbf{U}^0 = \{\mathbf{W}^0, \mathbf{u}^0\} randomly. for t=1 to T do

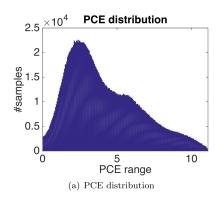
Sample \{\chi_t, y_t\} uniform randomly from \mathcal{D}.

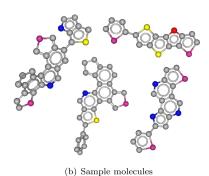
Construct latent variable model p(\{H_i^t\}|\chi_n) as \{\widetilde{b}_i^n\}_{i\in\mathcal{V}_n} by Algorithm \mathbb{I} or \mathbb{D} with \mathbf{W}^{t-1}. Update \mathbf{U}^t = \mathbf{U}^{t-1} + \lambda_t \nabla_{\mathbf{U}^{t-1}} l(f(\widetilde{\mu}^n; \mathbf{U}^{t-1}), y_n). end for return \mathbf{U}^T = \{\mathbf{W}^T, \mathbf{u}^T\}
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### Graph Dataset Results



## Harvard Clean Energy Project (CEP)





#### **CEP Results**

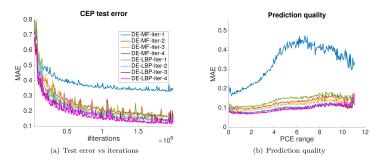


Figure 4: Details of training and prediction results for DE-MF and DE-LBP with different number of fixed point iterations.

	test MAE	test RMSE	# params
Mean Predictor	1.9864	2.4062	1
WL lv-3	0.1431	0.2040	1.6m
WL lv-6	0.0962	0.1367	1378m
DE-MF	0.0914	0.1250	0.1m
DE-LBP	0.0850	0.1174	0.1m

 ${\it Table 3: Test prediction performance on CEP dataset. WL lv-k stands for Weisfeiler-lehman with degree $k$.}$ 

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