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# A Unifying Framework for Vector-valued Manifold Regularization and Multi-view Learning - Supplementary Material

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## Abstract

The Supplementary Material contains three elements. First, in Section 1, we give the proofs for all the main mathematical results in the paper. Second, in Section 2, we provide a natural generalization of our framework to the case the point evaluation operator  $f(x)$  is replaced by a general bounded linear operator. Last, in Section 3, we provide an exact description of Algorithm 1 with the Gaussian or similar kernels in the degenerate case, when the kernel width  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ .

## 1. Proofs of Main Results

For clarity, we restate all the results in the main paper that we prove here.

**Notation:** the definition of  $\mathbf{f}$  as given by

$$\mathbf{f} = (f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{u+l})) \in \mathcal{W}^{u+l}, \quad (1)$$

is adopted because it is also applicable when  $\mathcal{W}$  is an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space. For  $\mathcal{W} = \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

$$\mathbf{f} = (f^1(x_1), \dots, f^m(x_1), \dots, f^1(x_{u+l}), \dots, f^m(x_{u+l})).$$

This is different from (?), where

$$\mathbf{f} = (f^1(x_1), \dots, f^1(x_{u+l}), \dots, f^m(x_1), \dots, f^m(x_{u+l})).$$

This means that our matrix  $M$  is necessarily a permutation of the matrix  $M$  in (?) when they give rise to the same semi-norm.

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## 1.1. Proof of the Representer Theorem

Recall our general minimization problem

$$f_{\mathbf{z}, \gamma} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \frac{1}{l} \sum_{i=1}^l V(y_i, Cf(x_i)) + \gamma_A \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 + \gamma_I \langle \mathbf{f}, M\mathbf{f} \rangle_{\mathcal{W}^{u+l}}, \quad (2)$$

and its least square version

$$f_{\mathbf{z}, \gamma} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \frac{1}{l} \sum_{i=1}^l \|y_i - Cf(x_i)\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 + \gamma_A \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 + \gamma_I \langle \mathbf{f}, M\mathbf{f} \rangle_{\mathcal{W}^{u+l}}. \quad (3)$$

**Theorem 1.** *The minimization problem (2) has a unique solution, given by  $f_{\mathbf{z}, \gamma} = \sum_{i=1}^{u+l} K_{x_i} a_i$  for some vectors  $a_i \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq u+l$ .*

The following is a generalization of the proof for the Representer Theorem in (?). Since  $f(x) = K_x^* f$ , the minimization problem (2) is

$$f_{\mathbf{z}, \gamma} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \frac{1}{l} \sum_{i=1}^l V(y_i, CK_{x_i}^* f) + \gamma_A \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 + \gamma_I \langle \mathbf{f}, M\mathbf{f} \rangle_{\mathcal{W}^{u+l}}. \quad (4)$$

Consider the operator  $E_{C, \mathbf{x}} : \mathcal{H}_K \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^l$ , defined by

$$E_{C, \mathbf{x}} f = (CK_{x_1}^* f, \dots, CK_{x_l}^* f), \quad (5)$$

with  $CK_{x_i}^* : \mathcal{H}_K \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  and  $K_{x_i} C^* : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_K$ . For  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_l) \in \mathcal{Y}^l$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{b}, E_{C, \mathbf{x}} f \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}^l} &= \sum_{i=1}^l \langle b_i, CK_{x_i}^* f \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^l \langle K_{x_i} C^* b_i, f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_K} = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^l K_{x_i} C^* b_i, f \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}_K}. \end{aligned}$$

The adjoint operator  $E_{C,\mathbf{x}}^* : \mathcal{Y}^l \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_K$  is thus

$$E_{C,\mathbf{x}}^* : (b_1, \dots, b_l) \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^l K_{x_i} C^* b_i. \quad (6)$$

The operator  $E_{C,\mathbf{x}}^* E_{C,\mathbf{x}} : \mathcal{H}_K \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_K$  is then

$$E_{C,\mathbf{x}}^* E_{C,\mathbf{x}} f \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^l K_{x_i} C^* C K_{x_i}^* f, \quad (7)$$

with  $C^* C : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$ .

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Denote the right handside of (2) by  $I_l(f)$ . Then  $I_l(f)$  is coercive and strictly convex in  $f$ , and thus has a unique minimizer. Let  $\mathcal{H}_{K,\mathbf{x}} = \{\sum_{i=1}^{u+l} K_{x_i} w_i : \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}^{u+l}\}$ . For  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{K,\mathbf{x}}^\perp$ , by the reproducing property,  $E_{C,\mathbf{x}}$  satisfies

$$\langle \mathbf{b}, E_{C,\mathbf{x}} f \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}^l} = \langle f, \sum_{i=1}^l K_{x_i} C^* b_i \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_K} = 0,$$

for all  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{Y}^l$ , since  $C^* b_i \in \mathcal{W}$ . Thus

$$E_{C,\mathbf{x}} f = (C K_{x_1}^* f, \dots, C K_{x_l}^* f) = 0.$$

Similarly, by the reproducing property, the sampling operator  $S_{\mathbf{x}}$  satisfies

$$\langle S_{\mathbf{x}} f, \mathbf{w} \rangle_{\mathcal{W}^{u+l}} = \langle f, \sum_{i=1}^{u+l} K_{x_i} w_i \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_K} = 0,$$

for all  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}^{u+l}$ . Thus

$$\mathbf{f} = S_{\mathbf{x}} f = (f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{u+l})) = 0.$$

For an arbitrary  $f \in \mathcal{H}_K$ , consider the orthogonal decomposition  $f = f_0 + f_1$ , with  $f_0 \in \mathcal{H}_{K,\mathbf{x}}$ ,  $f_1 \in \mathcal{H}_{K,\mathbf{x}}^\perp$ . Then, because  $\|f_0 + f_1\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 = \|f_0\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2 + \|f_1\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2$ , the result just obtained shows that

$$I_l(f) = I_l(f_0 + f_1) \geq I_l(f_0)$$

with equality if and only if  $\|f_1\|_{\mathcal{H}_K} = 0$ , that is  $f_1 = 0$ . Thus the minimizer of (2) must lie in  $\mathcal{H}_{K,\mathbf{x}}$ .  $\square$

## 1.2. Proofs for the Least Square Case

**Proposition 1.** The minimization problem (3) has a unique solution  $f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma} = \sum_{i=1}^{u+l} K_{x_i} a_i$ , where the vectors  $a_i \in \mathcal{W}$  are given by

$$l\gamma_I \sum_{j,k=1}^{u+l} M_{ik} K(x_k, x_j) a_j + C^* C \left( \sum_{j=1}^{u+l} K(x_i, x_j) a_j \right) + l\gamma_A a_i = C^* y_i, \quad (8)$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , and

$$\gamma_I \sum_{j,k=1}^{u+l} M_{ik} K(x_k, x_j) a_j + \gamma_A a_i = 0, \quad (9)$$

for  $l+1 \leq i \leq u+l$ .

The following is a generalization of the proof for Proposition 1 in (?). We have

$$f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \frac{1}{l} \sum_{i=1}^l \|y_i - C K_{x_i}^* f\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 + \gamma_A \|f\|_K^2 + \gamma_I \langle \mathbf{f}, M\mathbf{f} \rangle_{\mathcal{W}^{(u+l)}}. \quad (10)$$

With the operator  $E_{C,\mathbf{x}}$ , (10) is transformed into the minimization problem

$$f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \frac{1}{l} \|E_{C,\mathbf{x}} f - \mathbf{y}\|_{\mathcal{Y}^l}^2 + \gamma_A \|f\|_K^2 + \gamma_I \langle \mathbf{f}, M\mathbf{f} \rangle_{\mathcal{W}^{u+l}}. \quad (11)$$

**Proof of Proposition 1.** By the Representer Theorem, (3) has a unique solution. Differentiating (11) and setting the derivative to zero gives

$$(E_{C,\mathbf{x}}^* E_{C,\mathbf{x}} + l\gamma_A I + l\gamma_I S_{\mathbf{x},u+l}^* M S_{\mathbf{x},u+l}) f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma} = E_{C,\mathbf{x}}^* \mathbf{y}.$$

By definition of the operators  $E_{C,\mathbf{x}}$  and  $S_{\mathbf{x}}$ , this is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^l K_{x_i} C^* C K_{x_i}^* f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma} + l\gamma_A f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma} + l\gamma_I \sum_{i=1}^{u+l} K_{x_i} (M \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{z},\gamma})_i \\ = \sum_{i=1}^l K_{x_i} C^* y_i, \end{aligned}$$

which we rewrite as

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma} = -\frac{\gamma_I}{\gamma_A} \sum_{i=1}^{u+l} K_{x_i} (M \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{z},\gamma})_i \\ + \sum_{i=1}^l K_{x_i} \frac{C^* y_i - C^* C K_{x_i}^* f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma}}{l\gamma_A}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that there are vectors  $a_i$ 's in  $\mathcal{W}$  such that

$$f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma} = \sum_{i=1}^{u+l} K_{x_i} a_i.$$

We have  $f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma}(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{u+l} K(x_i, x_j) a_j$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} (M \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{z},\gamma})_i &= \sum_{k=1}^{u+l} M_{ik} \sum_{j=1}^{u+l} K(x_k, x_j) a_j \\ &= \sum_{j,k=1}^{u+l} M_{ik} K(x_k, x_j) a_j. \end{aligned}$$

Also  $K_{x_i}^* f_{\mathbf{z}, \gamma} = f_{\mathbf{z}, \gamma}(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{u+l} K(x_i, x_j) a_j$ . Thus for  $1 \leq i \leq l$ :

$$a_i = -\frac{\gamma_I}{\gamma_A} \sum_{j,k=1}^{u+l} M_{ik} K(x_k, x_j) a_j + \frac{C^* y_i - C^* C (\sum_{j=1}^{u+l} K(x_i, x_j) a_j)}{l \gamma_A},$$

which gives the formula

$$l \gamma_I \sum_{j,k=1}^{u+l} M_{ik} K(x_k, x_j) a_j + C^* C (\sum_{j=1}^{u+l} K(x_i, x_j) a_j) + l \gamma_A a_i = C^* y_i.$$

Similarly, for  $l+1 \leq i \leq u+l$ ,

$$a_i = -\frac{\gamma_I}{\gamma_A} \sum_{j,k=1}^{u+l} M_{ik} K(x_k, x_j) a_j,$$

which is equivalent to

$$\gamma_I \sum_{j,k=1}^{u+l} M_{ik} K(x_k, x_j) a_j + \gamma_A a_i = 0.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

### Proposition 2.

$$(C^* C J_l^{\mathcal{W}, u+l} K[\mathbf{x}] + l \gamma_I M K[\mathbf{x}] + l \gamma_A I) \mathbf{a} = C^* \mathbf{y}, \quad (12)$$

where  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_{u+l})$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_{u+l})$  are considered as column vectors in  $\mathcal{W}^{u+l}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}^{u+l}$ , respectively, and  $y_{l+1} = \dots = y_{u+l} = 0$ .

**Proof of Proposition 2.** This is straightforward to obtain from Proposition 1 using the operator-valued matrix formulation described in the main paper.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** For  $C = \mathbf{c}^T \otimes I_P$ ,  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $M_W = L \otimes I_P$ ,  $M_B = I_{u+l} \otimes (M_m \otimes I_P)$ , the system of linear equations (12) in Proposition 2 is equivalent to

$$BA = Y_C, \quad (13)$$

where

$$B = ((J_l^{u+l} \otimes \mathbf{c}^T) + l \gamma_B (I_{u+l} \otimes M_m) + l \gamma_W L) G[\mathbf{x}] + l \gamma_A I_{(u+l)m}, \quad (14)$$

which is of size  $(u+l)m \times (u+l)m$ ,  $A$  is the matrix of size  $(u+l)m \times P$  such that  $\mathbf{a} = \text{vec}(A^T)$ , and  $Y_C$  is the matrix of size  $(u+l)m \times P$  such that  $C^* \mathbf{y} = \text{vec}(Y_C^T)$ .  $J_l^{u+l} : \mathbb{R}^{u+l} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{u+l}$  is a diagonal matrix of size  $(u+l) \times (u+l)$ , with the first  $l$  entries on the main diagonal being 1 and the rest being 0.

**Proof of Proposition 3.** Recall some properties of the Kronecker tensor product:

$$(A \otimes B)(C \otimes D) = AC \otimes BD, \quad (15)$$

$$(A \otimes B)^T = A^T \otimes B^T, \quad (16)$$

and

$$\text{vec}(ABC) = (C^T \otimes A) \text{vec}(B). \quad (17)$$

Thus the equation

$$AXB = C \quad (18)$$

is equivalent to

$$(B^T \otimes A) \text{vec}(X) = \text{vec}(C). \quad (19)$$

In our context,  $\gamma_I M = \gamma_B M_B + \gamma_W M_W$ , which is

$$\gamma_I M = \gamma_B I_{u+l} \otimes M_m \otimes I_P + \gamma_W L \otimes I_P.$$

$$C^* = I_{u+l} \otimes C^*.$$

Using the property stated in Equation (16), we have for  $C = \mathbf{c}^T \otimes I_P$ ,

$$C^* = I_{u+l} \otimes \mathbf{c} \otimes I_P \in \mathbb{R}^{Pm(u+l) \times P(u+l)}, \quad (20)$$

$$C^* C = (\mathbf{c} \otimes I_P)(\mathbf{c}^T \otimes I_P) = (\mathbf{c} \mathbf{c}^T \otimes I_P).$$

So then

$$C^* C = (I_{u+l} \otimes \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c}^T \otimes I_P). \quad (21)$$

$$J_l^{\mathcal{W}, u+l} = J_l^{u+l} \otimes I_m \otimes I_P. \quad (22)$$

It follows that

$$C^* C J_l^{\mathcal{W}, u+l} = (J_l^{u+l} \otimes \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c}^T \otimes I_P). \quad (23)$$

Then

$$C^* C J_l^{\mathcal{W}, u+l} K[\mathbf{x}] = (J_l^{u+l} \otimes \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c}^T) G[\mathbf{x}] \otimes I_P.$$

$$\gamma_I M K[\mathbf{x}] = (\gamma_B I_{u+l} \otimes M_m + \gamma_W L) G[\mathbf{x}] \otimes I_P.$$

Consider again now the system

$$(C^* C J_l^{\mathcal{W}, u+l} K[\mathbf{x}] + l \gamma_I M K[\mathbf{x}] + l \gamma_A I) \mathbf{a} = C^* \mathbf{y}.$$

The left hand side is

$$(B \otimes I_P) \text{vec}(A^T),$$

where  $\mathbf{a} = \text{vec}(A^T)$ ,  $A$  is of size  $(u+l)m \times P$  and

$$B = ((J_l^{u+l} \otimes \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c}^T) + l \gamma_B (I_{u+l} \otimes M_m) + l \gamma_W L) G[\mathbf{x}] + l \gamma_A I_{(u+l)m}.$$

Then we have the linear system

$$(B \otimes I_P) \text{vec}(A^T) = \text{vec}(Y_C^T),$$

which, by properties (18) and (19), is equivalent to

$$A^T B^T = Y_C^T \iff BA = Y_C.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 1.* The  $\text{vec}$  operator is implemented by the flattening operation  $(\cdot)$  in MATLAB. To compute the matrix  $Y_C^T$ , note that by definition

$$\text{vec}(Y_C^T) = \mathbf{C}^* \mathbf{y} = (I_{u+l} \otimes C^*) \mathbf{y} = \text{vec}(C^* Y),$$

where  $Y$  is the  $P \times (u+l)$  matrix with the  $i$ th column being  $y_i$ , with

$$\mathbf{y} = \text{vec}(Y).$$

Note that  $Y_C^T$  and  $C^* Y$  in general are not the same:  $Y_C^T$  is of size  $P \times (u+l)m$ , whereas  $C^* Y$  is of size  $Pm \times (u+l)$ .

## 2. Learning with General Bounded Linear Operators

The present framework generalizes naturally beyond the point evaluation operator

$$f(x) = K_x^* f.$$

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a separable Hilbert space of functions on  $\mathcal{X}$ . We are *not* assuming that the functions in  $\mathcal{H}$  are defined pointwise or with values in  $\mathcal{W}$ , rather we assume that  $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$ , there is a bounded linear operator

$$E_x : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}, \quad \|E_x\| < \infty, \quad (24)$$

with adjoint  $E_x^* : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ . Consider the minimization

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{z}, \gamma} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathcal{H}_K} & \frac{1}{l} \sum_{i=1}^l V(y_i, C E_{x_i} f) + \gamma_A \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ & + \gamma_I \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{Mf} \rangle_{\mathcal{W}^{u+l}}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{f} = (E_{x_i} f)_{i=1}^{u+l}, \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

and its least square version

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{z}, \gamma} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathcal{H}_K} & \frac{1}{l} \sum_{i=1}^l \|y_i - C E_{x_i} f\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 + \gamma_A \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ & + \gamma_I \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{Mf} \rangle_{\mathcal{W}^{u+l}}. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Following are the corresponding Representer Theorem and Proposition stating the explicit solution for the least square case. When  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_K$ ,  $E_x = K_x^*$ , we recover Theorem 1 and Proposition 1, respectively.

**Theorem 2.** *The minimization problem (25) has a unique solution, given by  $f_{\mathbf{z}, \gamma} = \sum_{i=1}^{u+l} E_{x_i}^* a_i$  for some vectors  $a_i \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq u+l$ .*

**Proposition 4.** *The minimization problem (26) has a unique solution  $f_{\mathbf{z}, \gamma} = \sum_{i=1}^{u+l} E_{x_i}^* a_i$ , where the vectors  $a_i \in \mathcal{W}$  are given by*

$$\begin{aligned} l \gamma_I \sum_{j,k=1}^{u+l} M_{ik} E_{x_k} E_{x_j}^* a_j + C^* C \left( \sum_{j=1}^{u+l} E_{x_i} E_{x_j}^* a_j \right) \\ + l \gamma_A a_i = C^* y_i, \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , and

$$\gamma_I \sum_{j,k=1}^{u+l} M_{ik} E_{x_k} E_{x_j}^* a_j + \gamma_A a_i = 0, \quad (28)$$

for  $l+1 \leq i \leq u+l$ .

The reproducing kernel structures come into play through the following.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $E : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{W})$  be defined by*

$$E(x, t) = E_x E_t^*. \quad (29)$$

*Then  $E$  is a positive definite operator-valued kernel.*

**Proof of Lemma 1.** For each pair  $(x, t) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$ , the operator  $E(x, t)$  satisfies

$$E(t, x)^* = (E_t E_x^*)^* = E_x E_t^* = E(x, t).$$

For every set  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N$  in  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\{w_i\}_{i=1}^N$  in  $\mathcal{W}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \langle w_i, E(x_i, x_j) w_j \rangle_{\mathcal{W}} &= \sum_{i,j=1}^N \langle w_i, E_{x_i} E_{x_j}^* w_j \rangle_{\mathcal{W}} \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^N \langle E_{x_i}^* w_i, E_{x_j}^* w_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N E_{x_i}^* w_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $E$  is an  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{W})$ -valued positive definite kernel.  $\square$

**Proofs of Theorem 2 and Proposition 4.** These are entirely analogous to those of Theorem 1 and Proposition 1, respectively. Instead of the sampling operator  $S_{\mathbf{x}}$ , we consider the operator  $E_{\mathbf{x}} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}^l$ , with

$$E_{\mathbf{x}} f = (E_{x_i} f)_{i=1}^l, \quad (30)$$

with the adjoint  $E_{\mathbf{x}}^* : \mathcal{W}^l \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  given by

$$E_{\mathbf{x}}^* \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^l E_{x_i}^* b_i. \quad (31)$$

for all  $\mathbf{b} = (b_i)_{i=1}^l \in \mathcal{W}^l$ . The operator  $E_{C, \mathbf{x}} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^l$  is now defined by

$$E_{C, \mathbf{x}} f = (C E_{x_1} f, \dots, C E_{x_l} f). \quad (32)$$

The adjoint  $E_{C, \mathbf{x}}^* : \mathcal{Y}^l \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is

$$E_{C, \mathbf{x}}^* \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^l E_{x_i}^* C^* b_i, \quad (33)$$

for all  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{Y}^l$ , and  $E_{C, \mathbf{x}}^* E_{C, \mathbf{x}} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is

$$E_{C, \mathbf{x}}^* E_{C, \mathbf{x}} f = \sum_{i=1}^l E_{x_i}^* C^* C E_{x_i} f. \quad (34)$$

We then apply all the steps in the proofs of Theorem 1 and Proposition 1 to get the desired results.  $\square$

*Remark 2.* We stress that in general, the function  $f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma}$  is *not* defined pointwise, which is the case in the following example. Thus one cannot make a statement about  $f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma}(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  without additional assumptions.

*Example 1.* (?)  $\mathcal{X} = [0, 1]$ ,  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathcal{X})$ ,  $\mathcal{W} = \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $G : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and

$$E_x f = \int_0^1 G(x, t) f(t) dt. \quad (35)$$

for  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ . One has the reproducing kernel

$$E_x E_t^* = E(x, t) = \int_0^1 G(x, u) G(t, u) du. \quad (36)$$

### 3. The Degenerate Case

This section deals with the Gaussian kernel  $k(x, t) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x-t\|^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$  when  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  and other kernels with similar behavior. We show that the matrix  $A$  in Proposition 3 has an analytic expression. This can be used to verify the correctness of an implementation of our algorithm. At  $\sigma = \infty$ , for each pair  $(x, t)$ , we have

$$K(x, t) = I_{P_m}, \quad (37)$$

and

$$f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{u+l} K(x_i, x) a_i = \sum_{i=1}^{u+l} a_i. \quad (38)$$

Thus  $f_{\mathbf{z},\gamma}$  is a constant function. Let us examine the form of the coefficients  $a_i$ 's for the case

$$C = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{e}_m^T \otimes I_P.$$

We have

$$G[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{e}_{u+l} \mathbf{e}_{u+l}^T \otimes I_m.$$

For  $\gamma_I = 0$ , we have

$$B = \frac{1}{m^2} (J_l^{u+l} \otimes \mathbf{e}_m \mathbf{e}_m^T) (\mathbf{e}_{u+l} \mathbf{e}_{u+l}^T \otimes I_m) + l\gamma_A I_{(u+l)m},$$

which is

$$B = \frac{1}{m^2} (J_l^{u+l} \mathbf{e}_{u+l} \mathbf{e}_{u+l}^T \otimes \mathbf{e}_m \mathbf{e}_m^T) + l\gamma_A I_{(u+l)m}.$$

Equivalently,

$$B = \frac{1}{m^2} (J_{ml}^{(u+l)m} \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m} \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m}^T) + l\gamma_A I_{(u+l)m}.$$

The inverse of  $B$  in this case has a closed form:

$$B^{-1} = \frac{I_{(u+l)m}}{l\gamma_A} - \frac{J_{ml}^{(u+l)m} \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m} \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m}^T}{l^2 m \gamma_A (m \gamma_A + 1)}, \quad (39)$$

where we have used the identity

$$\mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m} \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m}^T J_{ml}^{(u+l)m} \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m} \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m}^T = m l \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m} \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m}^T. \quad (40)$$

We have thus

$$A = B^{-1} Y_C = \left( \frac{I_{(u+l)m}}{l\gamma_A} - \frac{J_{ml}^{(u+l)m} \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m} \mathbf{e}_{(u+l)m}^T}{l^2 m \gamma_A (m \gamma_A + 1)} \right) Y_C. \quad (41)$$

Thus in this case we have an analytic expression for the coefficient matrix  $A$ , as we claimed.

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