

Q1: Show that the PRODUCT of kernels is a kernel.

SOLUTION:

$$\text{Let } K(x, z) = k_1(x, z) * k_2(x, z)$$

where k_1 and k_2 are valid kernels.

To show K is a valid kernel as well

As per Shawe-Taylor & Cristianini, 2004, a valid & sufficient condition for a function $k(x, x')$ to be a valid kernel is that the Gram matrix K , whose elements are given by $K(x_n, x_m)$ should be Positive Semi Definite (PSD) (for the sake of brevity, in this assignment) & symmetric

for all possible choices of the set $\{x_n\}$

(i) SYMMETRIC: Since k_1 & k_2 are valid kernels, hence K_1 and K_2 corresponding Gram matrices are symmetrical.

$$\therefore K_1(x, z) = k_1(z, x); K_2(x, z) = k_2(z, x)$$

Let us denote the i th row & j th column element of a matrix by m_{ij} .

$$\therefore K_{ij} = K1_{ij} * K2_{ij} \quad (\text{elementwise product})$$

(as per definition)

$$= K1_{ji} * K2_{ji} \quad (\because K1, K2 \text{ symmetric})$$

$$= K_{ji}$$

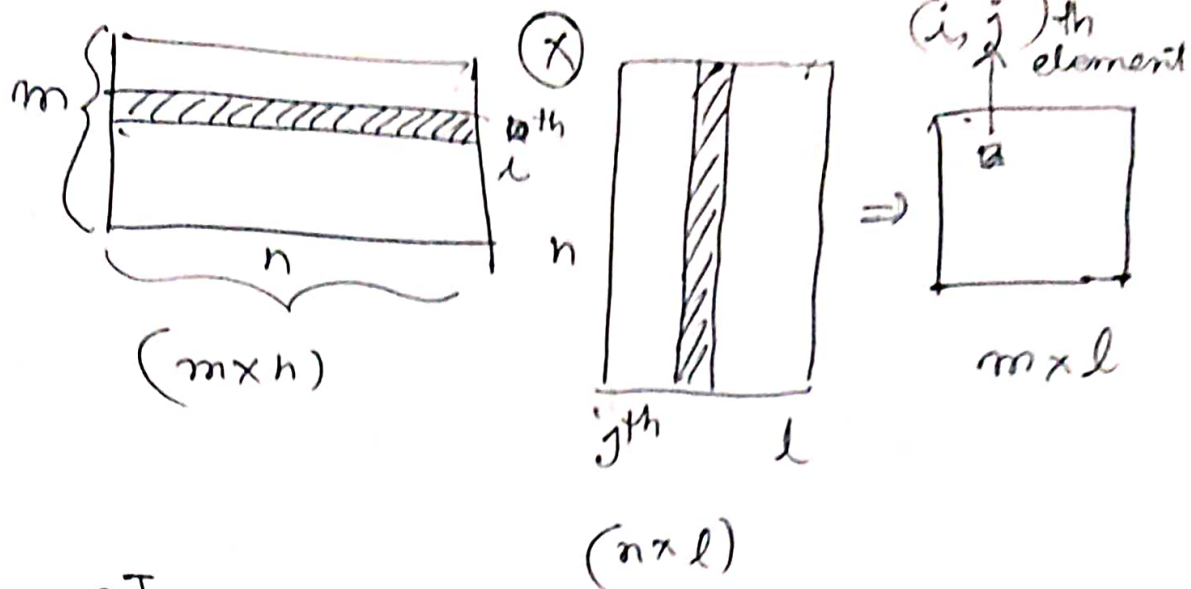
$\therefore K$ is symmetric. CONDITION 1 satisfied //

POSITIVE SEMI DEFINITE :

PART 1: We show that $K1, K2$ can be expressed as $\Phi\Phi^T$ form

PROOF: As per CHOLESKY DECOMPOSITION,
A symmetric PSD matrix M can be factorized into a product $M = LL^T$ where L is a lower triangular matrix with positive diagonal elements. & L is unique.

Hence for $K1, K2$ there exist unique P, Q such that $K1 = PP^T$ & $K2 = QQ^T$



$$\therefore K1_{ij} = P_i^T P_j = \sum_k P_{ik} P_{kj}$$

(for i^{th} row, j^{th} column element of $K1$)

~~$$K2_{ij} = q_i^T q_j = \sum_l q_{il} q_{lj}$$~~

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Now $u^T K u$ Needs to be ≥ 0 (FOR OUR PROOF)

$$u^T K u = \sum_i \sum_j u_i u_j K_{ij}$$

$$= \sum_i \sum_j u_i u_j K1_{ij} K2_{ij} \quad (\text{DEFINITION of } K)$$

$$= \sum_i \sum_j u_i u_j \left(\sum_k P_{ik} P_{kj} \right) \left(\sum_l q_{il} q_{lj} \right)$$

$$= \sum_k \sum_l \left(\sum_i u_i P_{ki} q_{il} \right) \left(\sum_j u_j P_{kj} q_{jl} \right)$$

(REARRANGING the terms)

R2 To show:

$k(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp(\langle x, y \rangle)$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $d \geq 1$
is a valid kernel.

PROOF:

We have been given in the question \rightarrow
provided a Taylor series $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$, $|x| < r$,
 $x \in \mathbb{R}$ for $r \in (0, \infty]$ with $a_n \geq 0$ for all $n > 0$.

Then for X be a \sqrt{r} -ball in \mathbb{R}^d ,

$x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $\|x\| < \sqrt{r}$.

$$k(x, x') = f(\langle x, x' \rangle)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (\langle x, x' \rangle)^n \text{ is a kernel.} \quad \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Now we know the Taylor series expansion

of e^x is:

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots \quad \text{UP TO } \infty$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$\longrightarrow \textcircled{2}$

ie. Comparing with eqⁿ (1)
above

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n!}$$

Combining eqⁿ (1) & (2), we see \therefore

~~$$K(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^n}{n!}$$~~

$$K(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^n}{n!} \text{ is a valid Kernel.}$$

$\therefore e(\langle x, y \rangle)$ is a Kernel

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ALTERNATIVELY

eq(2) $\Rightarrow e^x$ is a sum of polynomials of various degrees from 0 to ∞

Since both sums & products of valid kernels are valid Kernel as well.

\therefore from Taylor Series expansion of e^x

$$K(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^n}{n!} = e(\langle x, y \rangle)$$

is a valid Kernel.

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