

1. By the definition of p.s.d.,

symmetric matrix  $K$  is p.s.d. when  $V^T K V \geq 0$ , for any  $V \in \mathbb{R}^d$

since  $K$  is symmetric matrix,  $K$  can be written as  $K = P(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d)P^T$ ,

where  $P$  is orthogonal matrix, i.e.  $K = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i u_i u_i^T$   $P = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_d)$

$$\text{Thus, } V^T K V = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i V^T u_i u_i^T V = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i (V^T u_i)^2$$

since  $V^T K V \geq 0$  is true for any  $V \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i (V^T u_i)^2 \geq 0 \text{ for any } V \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

This inequality holds if and only if  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, d$ .

i.e. symmetric matrix  $K$  is p.s.d. if and only if its eigenvalues are nonnegative

2. Consider the matrix,  $M = \lambda_1 v_1 v_1^T + \lambda_2 v_2 v_2^T$

$$\text{where } \lambda_1 = 4 \quad \lambda_2 = -2, \quad v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1)^T, \quad v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1)^T$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$M$  is positive, but not p.s.d. (since its eigenvalue  $-2 < 0$ ).

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be two-element space  $\mathcal{X} = \{1, 2\}$  define  $K(1, 1) = K(2, 2) = 1$ ,  $K(1, 2) = K(2, 1) = 3$ .

This function is symmetric, but not positive semidefinite.

The linear kernel  $k: \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  define  $K(x, x') = x^T x'$ , this kernel is p.s.d., but not positive.

3. Let  $m$  be any number  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in \mathcal{X}$ , and  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let

$y_i = \phi(x_i) \in \mathcal{X}$ , for  $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ , Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} k(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n k'(y_i, y_j)$$

Since  $k'$  is psd on  $\mathcal{Y}$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n k'(y_i, y_j) \geq 0$ .

Therefore,  $\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} k(x_i, x_j) \geq 0$  for any  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  on  $\mathcal{X}$ ,  $a_1, \dots, a_m$ .

i.e.  $k$  is psd on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

4. (a) For any  $m \geq 1$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m a_i a_j k(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m a_i a_j k_1(x_i, x_j) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m a_i a_j k_2(x_i, x_j) \quad \text{①}$$

①  $\geq 0$  since  $k_1$  is psd on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

②  $\geq 0$  since  $k_2$  is psd on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  ① + ②  $\geq 0$

Therefore,  $k$  is psd on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

(b) For any  $m \geq 1$ , and  $(x_1^1, x_1^2), \dots, (x_m^1, x_m^2) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ , and  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m a_i a_j k_0((x_i^1, x_i^2), (x_j^1, x_j^2)) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m a_i a_j k_1(x_i^1, x_j^1) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m a_i a_j k_2(x_i^2, x_j^2) \quad \text{①} \quad \text{②}$$

①  $\geq 0$  since  $k_1$  is psd.

②  $\geq 0$  since  $k_2$  is psd.

Therefore  $k$  is psd.

(c)  $k_{\mathcal{L}}(x, x') = x^T x' / (\|x\| \|x'\|)$ , let  $\psi(x) = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$

$k_{\mathcal{L}}(x, x') = k_0(\psi(x), \psi(x'))$ ,  $k_0$  is linear kernel,  $k_0$  is psd.

By the result of problem 3,

$k_{\mathcal{L}}$  is also psd.

5. counter example.  $X = \{(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}), (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}), (-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})\}$

def  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \begin{cases} (2x, y) & \text{if } x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \\ (-x, y) & \text{if } x \geq 0, y < 0 \\ (x, -y) & \text{if } x < 0, y \geq 0 \\ (x, y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

def  $k: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \langle \phi(x), \phi(y) \rangle, \text{ where } \langle, \rangle \text{ is inner product on } \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Def  $T_G = \{i \in I\}$ , i.e.  $i(x_1, x_2) = i(x_1, x_2)$   $e(i) = (x_2, x_1)$

Thus, for  $X$ , kernel matrix for  $k_{\text{box}}$  is

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ -4 & 3 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

which has negative eigenvalue,  $\Rightarrow$   $K$  is not p.s.d.

$$k_G(x, x') = \sum_{g, g' \in G} k(T_g(x), T_{g'}(x'))$$

$$= \sum_{g, g' \in G} k(T_g(T_{g_0}(x)), T_{g'}(T_{g_0}(x)))$$

$$= \sum_{g, g' \in G} k(T_{g g_0}(x), T_{g' g_0}(x))$$

$$= \sum_{g, g' \in G} k(T_g(x), T_{g'}(x)) \quad (\text{by property of symmetry group})$$

Also, for any  $G, G_0$

$$\sum_i \sum_j G_{ij} k_G(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{g, g' \in G} \underbrace{\sum_i \sum_j G_{ij}}_{\geq 0} k(T_g(x_i), T_{g'}(x_j))$$

$$\therefore \sum_i \sum_j G_{ij} k_G(x_i, x_j) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore k_G(x, x') \text{ is p.s.d.}$$

RKHS:

1. Define  $k: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{+}$

$$k(x, y) = \sum_{g \in G} k(\bar{g}(x), \bar{g}(y))$$

2. Define  $H_k$  as the space of linear combinations

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i k(x, x_i)$$

for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , any  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in \mathcal{X}$ , and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbb{R}$ .

3. Define  $(k, k_0) = k_0(x, y)$  and extend it to the rest of  $H_k$  by linearity.

4. Add to  $H_k$  the linear forms of all Cauchy sequences.

$$\text{Here, we prove } k_{0n}(\bar{g}(x), \bar{g}(y)) = \max_{g, g' \in G} k(\bar{g}_n(x), \bar{g}_n(y))$$

$$= \max_{g, g' \in G} k(\bar{g}(x), \bar{g}(y))$$

$$= k_{0n}(x, y)$$

$$\text{Since } G_n = G \cap G$$

Thus, we get  $k_{0n}$  is invariant to  $T_g$ .

$$k_{0n}(\bar{g}_n(x), \bar{g}_n(y)) = \sum_{g, g' \in G} k(\bar{g}_n(x), \bar{g}_n(y)) = \sum_{g, g' \in G} k(\bar{g}(x), \bar{g}(y)) = k_{0n}(x, y)$$

$$\therefore h(\bar{g}(x)) = h(x)$$



6. (a) The intuitive meaning of this kernel is to count the number of contiguous substrings of length  $k$  that are both included in string  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$ .

For any  $m, G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m$  and  $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j} G_i G_j k_k(\bar{x}_i, \bar{x}_j) &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^k} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m G_i G_j \mathbb{1}_j(\bar{x}_i) \mathbb{1}_j(\bar{x}_j) \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^k} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m G_i \mathbb{1}_j(\bar{x}_i) \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^m G_j \mathbb{1}_j(\bar{x}_j) \right) \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^k} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m G_i \mathbb{1}_j(\bar{x}_i) \right)^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it's p.s.d. by definition

Pseudocode.

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the strings,  $l_a$  is the length of  $a$ ,  $l_b$  is the length of  $b$ .

count = 0

for  $t=0: l_a - k + 1$

for  $j=0: l_b - k + 1$

if  $a(t:t+k-1) == b(j:j+k-1)$

count = count + 1

end

end

end

(b) The intuitive meaning of this kernel here is the number of gapped substrings of length  $k$  that are both included in the both strings.

For any  $m, G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m$  and  $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_m$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j} \sum_{t=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m G_i G_j k_k^*(\bar{x}_i, \bar{x}_j) &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^k} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m G_i G_j \mathbb{1}_j^*(\bar{x}_i) \mathbb{1}_j^*(\bar{x}_j) \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^k} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m G_i \mathbb{1}_j^*(\bar{x}_i) \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^m G_j \mathbb{1}_j^*(\bar{x}_j) \right) \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^k} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m G_i \mathbb{1}_j^*(\bar{x}_i) \right)^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it's p.s.d.

(i) Here, we could count the number of each character in the alphabet and then multiply them. This is equivalent.

Establish a mapping function  $g: Z \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ . map 'a' to 0, 'b' to 1, ... 'z' to  $n-1$ .

Denote  $|Z| = n$

Pseudo code:

$m = \text{zeros}(n, 1)$

$n = \text{zeros}(n, 1)$

for  $i = 0 : (a-1)$

$m(g(a(i))) = m(g(a(i))) + 1$

for  $j = 0 : (b-1)$

$n(g(b(j))) = n(g(b(j))) + 1$

count = 0

for  $i = 0 : (a-1)$

count = count +  $m(i) * n(i)$

~~end~~

count is value of this kernel.

(ii) Since the length of both strings  $a$  and  $b$  are both  $p$ , they only have one possible mapped strings of length  $p$ . Hence, what we need to do is to check they are ~~equal~~ same or not.

pseudo code.

res = 1

for  $i = 0 : p-1$

if  $a(i) \neq b(i)$

res = 0

break.

return res.

(ii)

(A) For any gapped strings, there are only two cases,

① it ~~involves~~ <sup>doesn't</sup> the last element of  $a_{0:n+1}$ , ~~which is  $a_{n+1}$~~

② it ~~involves~~ involves the last element of  $a_{0:n+1}$ , which is  $a_{n+1}$ .

For situation ①, we have

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^p} n_j(a_{0:n+1}) n_j(b_{0:n}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^p} n_j(a_{0:n}) n_j(b_{0:n}) = \sum_{j \in A} n_j(a_{0:n}) n_j(b_{0:n})$$

Here we define  $A$  as the set of all possible gapped strings in  $a_{0:n}$ .

We also define  $B$  as the set of all possible gapped substrings in  $a_{0:n+1}$  and its last element is  $a_{n+1}$ .

Here, for ②, we have.

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^p} n_j(a_{0:n+1}) n_j(b_{0:n}) = \sum_{j \in B} n_j(a_{0:n+1}) n_j(b_{0:n})$$

if the last element of strings in  $a$  and  $b$  are same, then it becomes

$$\sum_{j \in B} n_j(a_{0:n+1}) n_j(b_{0:n}) = \sum_{q=p}^j k_{p-1}^*(a_{0:n}, b_{0:n-1}) [a_{n+1} = b_n]$$

$$\text{So, we have } k_p^*(a_{0:n+1}, b_{0:n}) = k_p^*(a_{0:n}, b_{0:n}) + \sum_{q=p-1}^j k_{p-1}^*(a_{0:n}, b_{0:n-1}) [a_{n+1} = b_n]$$

(B) Let  $A$  be the set of all possible gapped strings in  $b$  such that last element is not involved,  $B$  be the set of gapped substrings that involve the last element.

$$\begin{aligned} k_p^*(a_{0:n}, b_{0:n+1}) &= \sum_{j \in A} n_j(a_{0:n}) n_j(b_{0:n+1}) + \sum_{j \in B} n_j(a_{0:n}) n_j(b_{0:n+1}) \\ &= k_p^*(a_{0:n}, b_{0:n}) + \sum_{q=p-1}^j k_{p-1}^*(a_{0:n}, b_{0:n}) [b_{n+1} = a_n] \end{aligned}$$

The justifying process is same as in (A).

(C) Let  $k(p, i) = k_p(a_{0:n}, b_{0:n})$

$$\text{Let } S_1(i, j) = \sum_{q=p-1}^j k_{p-1}^*(a_{0:n}, b_{0:n-1}) [a_{n+1} = b_n]$$



$$\text{Let } S_2 = \sum_{q=p-1}^i k_{p-1}^* (a_{q+1}, b_{q+1}) [b_{q+1} = a_q]$$

If  $p=1$ , use the algorithm in (i)

if  $p > 1$ .

if  $i < p$  or  $j < p$   $k(p, i, j) = 0$ .

if  $i = p$  or  $j = p$  use the algorithm in (i) the cost of time is  $O(p)$

if  $i > p$  or  $j > p$ , use the formula in (iii) for (a) and (b)

$$S_1(p, i, j) = S_1(p, i-1, j-1) + k_{p-1}^* (a_{i-1}, b_{j-1}) [a_{i-1} = b_{j-1}] \quad (1)$$

$$S_2(p, i, j) = S_2(p, i-1, j) + k_{p-1}^* (a_{i-1}, b_j) [b_j = a_{i-1}] \quad (2)$$

$$K(p, i, j) = k(p, i, j-1) + S_1(p, i, j-1) + k_{p-1}^* (a_{i-1}, b_{j-1}) [a_{i-1} = b_{j-1}] \quad (3)$$

$$K(p, i, j) = k(p, i-1, j) + k_{p-1}^* (a_{i-1}, b_j) [b_j = a_{i-1}] + S_2(p, i-1, j) \quad (4)$$

Pseudo codes:

Initialize 3-dim matrix  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $K$ , size is  $(k+1, l_1, l_2)$ .

for  $p=1$  to  $k$

for  $i=0$  to  $(l_1-1)$

for  $j=0$  to  $(l_2-1)$

if  $i==0$  and  $j==0$

$K(p, i, j) = k(p, 0, 0)$

else if  $i==0, j>0$ .

compute  $S_2$  using (2)

compute  $K(p, i, j)$  using (4)

else if  $i>0$  and  $j==0$

compute  $S_1$  using (1)

compute  $K(p, i, j)$  using (3)

else



compute  $S_1$  using (1)

compute  $S_2$  using (2)

compute  $K(P, i, j)$  using (3) or (4)

(c) (i) since there is only one element in  $\bar{S}$ ,  $i_b - i_1 - (b-1) = 0$ .

$$W_{\bar{S}}(\bar{a}) = \sum_{0 \leq i_1 \leq b_1} [\bar{a}_{i_1} = \bar{S}]$$

hence, it's the same as in (b) (i).

The algorithm is also the same.

(ii) the length of  $\bar{a}_{0:p_1}$  and  $\bar{b}_{0:p_1}$  are both  $p_1$ .

$$\text{so } K_p^{\bar{S}}(\bar{a}_{0:p_1}, \bar{b}_{0:p_1}) = [\bar{a}_{0:p_1} = \bar{b}_{0:p_1}]$$

which is also same as in (b) (i).

The algorithm is also same.

(iii)

$$K_p^{\bar{S}}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = \sum_{\bar{j} \in \bar{S}^p} W_{\bar{S}}(\bar{a}) W_{\bar{S}}(\bar{b})$$

$$= \sum_{(\bar{i}, \bar{j}) \in \bar{S}^p \times \bar{S}^p, \bar{a}(\bar{i}) = \bar{b}(\bar{j})} \lambda^{L(\bar{i}) + L(\bar{j}) - 2p}$$

Here we define  $\bar{i} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p)$   $\bar{j} = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_p)$   ~~$\bar{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p)$   $\bar{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_p)$~~

$$L(\bar{i}) = i_p - i_1, \quad L(\bar{j}) = j_p - j_1$$

$$\therefore K_p^{\bar{S}}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = \sum_{(\bar{i}, \bar{j}) \in \bar{S}^p \times \bar{S}^p : \bar{a}(\bar{i}) = \bar{b}(\bar{j})} \lambda^{L(\bar{i}) + L(\bar{j}) - 2p}$$

$$= \sum_{i_1=1}^{|\bar{a}|} \sum_{j_1=1}^{|\bar{b}|} \sum_{(\bar{i}, \bar{j}) \in \bar{S}^p \times \bar{S}^p : \bar{a}(\bar{i}) = \bar{b}(\bar{j})} \lambda^{L(\bar{i}) + L(\bar{j}) - 2p}$$

$$= \sum_{i_1=1}^{|\bar{a}|} \sum_{j_1=1}^{|\bar{b}|} K_p^{\bar{S}}(\bar{a}(0:i_1-1), \bar{b}(0:j_1-1)) \cdot \lambda^{2p}$$

$$\text{Here we denote } K_p^{\bar{S}}(\bar{a}(0:i_1-1), \bar{b}(0:j_1-1)) = \sum_{(\bar{i}, \bar{j}) \in \bar{S}^p \times \bar{S}^p : \bar{a}(\bar{i}) = \bar{b}(\bar{j})} \lambda^{L(\bar{i}) + L(\bar{j})}$$

This function is to compute strings ~~end~~ end in  $\bar{a}(i)$  and  $\bar{b}(j)$

i.e.  ~~$k_p^s$~~   $k_p^s(\bar{a}(0:i-1), \bar{b}(0:j-1))$  computes the sum of length  $p$  substring substring co-occurences  
again ignoring the normalization  $1/\lambda^{2p}$ , that end at positions  $i$  and  $j$ , we have the

following recurrence,

$$k_p^s(\bar{a}(0:i-1), \bar{b}(0:j-1)) = \begin{cases} \lambda^2 [\bar{a}(i-1) = \bar{b}(j-1)] & \text{if } p=1 \\ \sum_{k < i-1} \sum_{l < j-1} \lambda^{i-1-k+j-1-l} k_{p-1}^s(\bar{a}(0:k-1), \bar{b}(0:l-1)) [\bar{a}(k-1) = \bar{b}(l-1)] \end{cases}$$

For simplicity, we denote  $k_p^s(\bar{a}(0:i-1), \bar{b}(0:j-1)) = k_p^s(i, j)$ ,

Thus, we reform above equations,

$$k_p^s(i, j) = \begin{cases} \lambda^2 [\bar{a}(i-1) = \bar{b}(j-1)] & \text{if } p=1 \\ \sum_{k < i} \sum_{l < j} k_{p-1}^s(k, l) \cdot \lambda^{i-1-k+j-1-l} [\bar{a}(k-1) = \bar{b}(l-1)] \end{cases}$$

Again, we define  $S_p(k, l) = \sum_{i < k} \sum_{j < l} \lambda^{k-1-i+l-1-j} k_{p-1}^s(i, j)$

$$k_p^s(k, l) = [\bar{a}(k-1) = \bar{b}(l-1)] \lambda^2 S_p(k-1, l-1)$$

$S_p(k, l)$  can be written as

$$S_p(k, l) = k_{p-1}^s(k, l) + \lambda S_p(k-1, l) + \lambda S_p(k, l-1) - \lambda^2 S_p(k-1, l-1)$$

Hence, as we can see, the complexity of computation required to compute  $S_p$  is

$O(|\bar{a}| |\bar{b}|)$ , so the complexity of computing  $k_p^s(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$  is equal to  $O(p |\bar{a}| |\bar{b}|)$

Pseudocode is as follows

~~$k_p^s(0:n, 0:m)$~~

$k_p^s(1:n, 1:m) = 0$

for  $i = 1:n$

for  $j = 1:m$

if  $\bar{a}(i-1) = \bar{b}(j-1)$

$k_p^s(i, j) = \lambda^2$

$$SP(0, 0:n) = 0$$

$$SP(1:n, 0) = 0$$

for  $L = 2:p$

$$K(L) = 0$$

for  $i = 1:n-1$

for  $j = 1:n-1$

$$SP(i, j) = KPS(i, j) + \lambda SP(i-1, j) + \lambda SP(i, j-1) - \lambda^2 SP(i-1, j-1)$$

$$\text{if } \bar{a}(i-1) = \bar{b}(j-1)$$

$$KPS(i, j) = \lambda^2 SP(i-1, j-1)$$

$$K(L) = K(L) + KPS(i, j)$$

~~Clearly, the complexity~~

$K(p) = K(p(\bar{a}, \bar{b}))$ , clearly, the complexity of this procedure is  $O(p|\bar{a}||\bar{b}|)$

(d) The intuitive meaning of this kernel is to compute all possible matches with substrings of length  $k$  in  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$ . Here, matches are defined as

$$\sum_{t=1}^k k_Z(a_t, b_t)$$

$$\sum_i \sum_j G_i G_j K_k^A(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = \sum_i \sum_j G_i G_j \sum_{0 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq i} \sum_{0 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_k \leq j} \sum_{t=1}^k k_Z(a_{i_t}, b_{j_t})$$

$$= \sum_{0 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq i} \sum_{0 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_k \leq j} \underbrace{\sum_i \sum_j \sum_{t=1}^k k_Z(a_{i_t}, b_{j_t})}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\geq 0$$

$\therefore K_k^A(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$  is p.s.d.