

Problem 1

$$a) D = \{ (x^i, y^i) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m \}$$

Feature mapping function ϕ
 $K(x, z) = \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle$

Uni-variance radial basis kernel
 $K(x, z) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|x - z\|^2\right)$

$$= \|\phi(x) - \phi(z)\|^2$$

$$= \langle \phi(x), \phi(x) \rangle + \langle \phi(z), \phi(z) \rangle - 2 \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle$$

$$= K(x, x) + K(x, z) - 2 K(x, z)$$

$$\|\phi(x) - \phi(z)\|^2 = 1 + 1 - 2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|x - z\|^2\right) < 2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\|\phi(x) - \phi(z)\|^2} < \sqrt{2}$$

Hence the

the distance between the ~~dist~~ feature mapping of x & z i.e. $\phi(x)$ & $\phi(z)$ is at most $\sqrt{2}$

A function is a valid kernel if it is Real-value
positive semi definite and is symmetric

let us define a kernel matrix for a dataset $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$
 $\in \mathbb{R}^n$

gram
matrix

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} k(x_1, x_1) & \dots & k(x_1, x_n) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ k(x_n, x_1) & \dots & k(x_n, x_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

K is a valid kernel if for any set of points $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$
 $\in \mathbb{R}^n$

it gives rise to matrix K that is positive semidefinite
i.e. if

$$\boxed{\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad a^T K a \geq 0} \quad \text{PSD.}$$

A matrix is PSD if all its eigen values are
non-negative

b) $K(x, z) = K_1(x, z) + K_2(x, z)$

K_1 & K_2 are both valid kernels.

By gram matrix

$$K = \sum_{j=1}^2 K_j$$

Now for positive semi-definite

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^n, a^T K a$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^2 a^T K_j a \geq 0$$

Now if K_j is valid

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} K(x, z) &= K_1(x, z) + K_2(x, z) \\ \text{Hence it is a valid kernel} \end{aligned}}$$

c) $K(x, z) = K_1(x, z) - K_2(x, z)$

K_1 & K_2 are valid kernels

$$K_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i v_i^T \quad K_2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j v_j v_j^T$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i v_i^T - \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j v_j v_j^T$$

which cannot be broken as

$$K(x, z) \text{ is not } a^T K a$$

$$\boxed{\text{Hence it is not a valid kernel}}$$

$$d) K(x, z) = \alpha K_1(x, z) \quad (\alpha > 0)$$

$$K = \alpha K_1 \quad \alpha > 0$$

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad a^T K a = \alpha a^T K_1 a > 0$$

due to $\alpha > 0$ & validity of K_1

$K = \alpha K_1(x, z)$ is a valid kernel

$$e) K(x, z) = b K_1(x, z)$$

$$K = b K_1 \quad b < 0$$

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad a^T K a = a^T b K_1 a < 0$$

Now b is negative & K_1 is ≥ 0 and valid.

Hence

$K(x, y) = b K_1(x, y)$ is not valid

$$f) \quad K(x, y) = K_1(x, y) K_2(x, y)$$

Gram matrix is given by.

$$K = K_1 \cdot K_2$$

K_1 & K_2 positive semi-definite
their eigen decomposition

$$K_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i u_i u_i^T \quad K_2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j v_j v_j^T$$

$$\lambda_i \geq 0$$

$$\mu_j \geq 0$$

$$K = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_i \mu_j \underbrace{(u_i u_i^T)}_{\gamma_k} \underbrace{(v_j v_j^T)}_{\omega_k}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_k (\mu_i \cdot v_j) (u_i \cdot v_j)^T$$

$$K = \sum_{k=1}^{n^2} \gamma_k w_k w_k^T$$

with $\gamma_k = \lambda_i \mu_j \geq 0$ $w_k = u \cdot v$

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad a^T K a = \sum_{k=1}^{n^2} \gamma_k a^T w_k w_k^T a$$

$$K = \sum_{k=1}^{n^2} \gamma_k (w_k w_k^T)$$

hence valid kernel

g) $K(x, z) = f(x)f(z)$ ($f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ real valued funcⁿ)

$$\phi: x \rightarrow x\phi$$

$$x \rightarrow \phi(x)$$

A valid kernel is

$$K(x, z) = \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle_{x\phi}$$

for any real valued funcⁿ

$$K(x, z) = f(x)f(z)$$

Hence a valid kernel

h) $K(x, z) = K_3(\phi(x), \phi(z))$ (K_3 : another valid kernel over $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$)

Now $\phi(x), \phi(z)$ are transformation to higher dimensional feature space

& K_3 is a valid kernel in that space

Hence

$$K(x, z) = K_3(\phi(x), \phi(z)) \text{ is a valid kernel}$$

$$i) \quad K(x, z) = P(K_1(x, z))$$

$p(x)$ a polynomial function with positive coefficients

$P: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with (true) coefficients.

P is a linear combination of power of kernel K_1 which is valid with true coefficients

since the power of K_1 is K_1 by itself.

this makes

$$\boxed{K(x, y) = P(K_1(x, y)) \text{ a valid kernel}}$$