

"Hilbert Space Embedding of Conditional Distribution with Application to Dynamical Systems"

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The main contributions of this paper is as follows:

- ① The paper introduced the concept of embedding conditional distributions in an RKHS (Reproducing kernel Hilbert Space) and presented a novel method for estimating such embeddings from training data.
- ② The paper consider several useful probabilistic inference operations such as marginalization and conditioning and show, using the author's theory that these operations can be performed ~~only~~ in RKHS.

(3) The article, applied their own inference algorithm to learn non-parametric models and perform inference for dynamical systems. These algorithms are general because it handles wide variety of possible nonlinear non gaussian models and also they apply in any setting in which an appropriate kernel function can be defined.

reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS) \mathcal{F} on \mathcal{X} with kernel K is a Hilbert space of function $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Its dot product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{F}}$ satisfy the reproducing property:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \langle f(\cdot), K(x, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} = f(x)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \langle K(x, \cdot), K(x', \cdot) \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} = K(x, x')$$

also true maps and its empirical estimates are

$$(a) \mu_x := E_x[\varphi(x)] \quad E_x : \text{expectation}$$

$$(b) \hat{\mu}_x := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi(x_i) \quad \text{feature map}$$

Def 1) When the mean map $\mu_x : P \rightarrow F$ is injective,
the kernel function k is called characteristic

The 2) The empirical mean $\hat{\mu}_x$ converges to μ_x in
the RKHS. norm at rate of $O_p(\sqrt{\frac{1}{m}})$
size of training
set

$$D_x = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$$

Cross-Covariance Operator:

$$\varphi_{xy} : g \rightarrow F$$

$$C_{xy} = E_{xy} [\varphi(x) \otimes \varphi(y)] - \mu_x \otimes \mu_y$$

\otimes = Tensor product

given two functions $f \in F$ and $g \in G$ their cross-Covariance

$\text{Cov}_{xy}[f(x), g(y)] := E_{x,y}[f(x)g(y)] -$
 - $E_x[f(x)]E_y[g(y)]$ will be

Computed as: $\langle f, C_{xy}g \rangle_F$ or $\langle f \otimes g, C_{xy} \rangle_{F \otimes g}$

for example:

Given ~~m~~ m pairs of training examples

$$D_{xy} = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$$

iid from $P(x, y)$,

$$Y = (\varphi(x_1), \dots, \varphi(x_m))$$

$$\Phi = (\phi(y_1), \dots, \phi(y_m))$$

Theorem 5: let $k_x := Y^T \varphi(x)$

Then $\hat{\mu}_{y|x}$ can be estimated as ~~$\mu_{y|x}$~~

$$\hat{\mu}_{y|x} = \phi(HK + \lambda m I)^{-1} H k_x = \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i(x) \phi(y_i)$$

real values
GDP

Theorem 6:

Assume $k(x, \cdot)$ is in range of C_{xx} .

The empirical conditional embedding $\hat{\mu}_{\gamma|x}$ converges to $\mu_{\gamma|x}$ in the RKHS norm.

Operations on RKHS Embeddings:

we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_x &= E_\gamma [u_{x|\gamma} \phi(\gamma)] = u_{x|\gamma} E_\gamma [\phi(\gamma)] = \\ &= u_{x|\gamma} \mu_\gamma\end{aligned}$$

Chain Rule:

Similar to $P(X, Y) = P(X|Y) P(Y) = P(Y|X) P(X)$

we have:

$$\mu_{xy} = u_{x|\gamma} \mu_y^\otimes = u_{y|x} \mu_x^\otimes$$

here: $\mu_x^\otimes = E_x [\phi(x) \otimes \phi(x)]$ & $\mu_y^\otimes = E_\gamma [\phi(\gamma) \otimes \phi(\gamma)]$

APPENDIX

The paper also extract kernel formulation for Conditional cross validation.

Application: Dynamical Systems:

Obj: Learning and inference in a dynamical system

The article

models uncertainty in a dynamic system using partially observable Markov model which is :

$$P(s^1, \dots, s^T, o^1, \dots, o^T) \quad s^t \text{ is hidden state at time } t.$$

o^t corresponding observation

Theorem: Hilbert space prediction is given by :

$$\mu_{s^{t+1}/h} = U_{s^{t+1}} P_{s^t} \mu_{s^t/h}$$

Theorem: Hilbert space Correlation step is given by :

$$\mu_{s^{t+1}/h}$$

Learning Algorithm:

$$\text{input } \gamma = (\rho(s^t)) \quad \Phi = (\phi(s^{t+1}))$$

$$\Psi = (\psi(o^{t+1})) \quad t=1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{Compute } K = \gamma^\top \gamma, \quad U = \Psi^\top \Psi, \quad G_\gamma^\Phi = \gamma^\top \Phi$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{Compute } T_2 = (HK + HU + \lambda m I)^{-1} H$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \text{Compute } T_1 = T_2 G_\gamma^\Phi$$

Experiments: Experimental on Two dynamical systems

\textcircled{1} a synthetic dataset generated from a linear ~~linear~~ dynamical sys.

\textcircled{2} Camera Tracking Problem

\textcircled{1} Synthetic data exp:
a particle rotating around the origin:

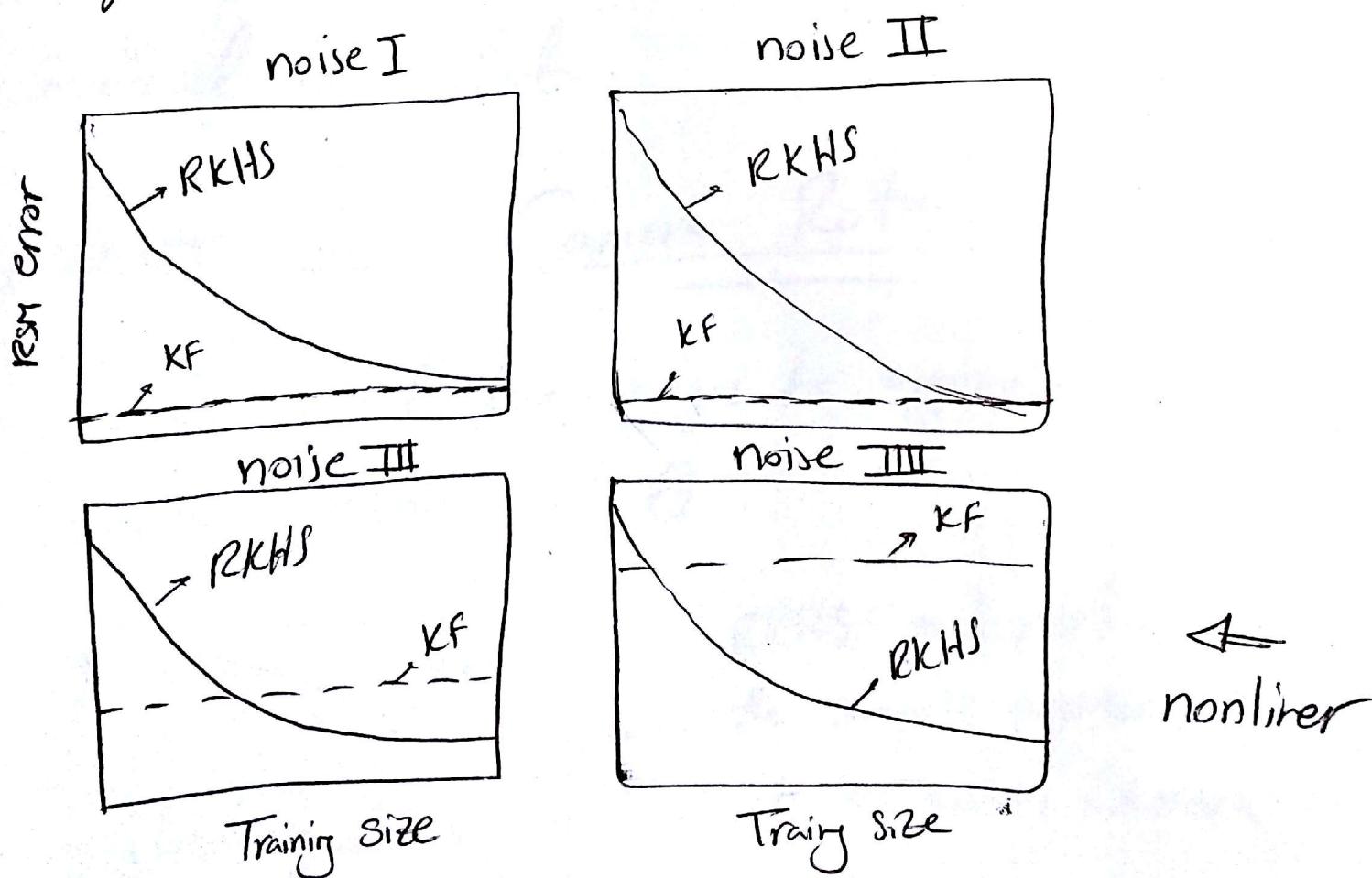
$$s^{t+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} s^t + \eta \xrightarrow{\text{Process noise}}$$

$$o^{t+1} = s^{t+1} + \eta \xrightarrow{\text{observation noise}} \theta = 0.02$$

goal: Compare the performance of ~~the~~ the artic
method with the Kalman Filter in estimating
the position of particle.

Four Types of Process noise and Observation no
were tested. The result of KF & RKHS were

Compared:



for

Result :

in cases when kalman filter is optimal (Case I, II)

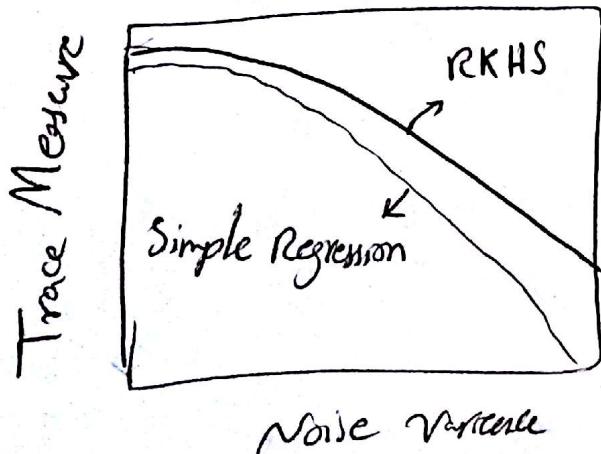
The performance of the RKHS method approaches
the performance of KF with higher training data

However for nonlinear systems (Case III & IV)

~~RKHS~~ RKHS out perform KF significantly with
sufficient training data.

Experiment 2 Camera Rotation

used Cornell box images to approximate
camera rotation angle θ .



RKHS out performs
the simple regression
in estimating Camera
rotation