

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{2} \text{ (a) } k(x,y) &= \sum_{m=1}^M \beta_m \sum_{\ell=1}^{L+1-m} \mathbb{I}(u_{\ell,m}(x) = u_{\ell,m}(y)) \\
 &= \sum_{m=1}^M \beta_m \sum_{\ell=1}^{L+1-m} \prod_{k=\ell}^{\ell+m-1} \mathbb{I}(x_0(k) = y_0(k)) \\
 &=: K_k(x,y)
 \end{aligned}$$

It suffices to show that  $K_k$  is a kernel ~~and a product~~ positive semi-definite.

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^N c_i c_j K_k(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ x_i = x_j}}^N c_i c_j$$

$$= \sum_{S \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{i,j \in M_S} c_i c_j$$

setting  $M_S := \{i \in \{1, \dots, N\} \mid x_i(k) = S\}$ , for  $S \in \mathcal{A}$

and fixed  $k \in \{1, \dots, L\}$ . This can be seen

as the product  $c^T A c$  for the vector

$c := (c_1, \dots, c_N)^T$  and an appropriate matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ .

Let  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  be a permutation matrix that "orders" the indices  $i$  in a way so that for  $\tilde{c} := Pc$  it holds that

$$c_{n_1}, \dots, c_{n_1} \in M_G, n_1+1, \dots, n_2 \in M_A, n_2+1, \dots, n_3 \in M_T$$

and  $n_3+1, \dots, N \in M_C$ . Assume for a moment that

the indices  $1, \dots, N$  are "ordered" in a way

so that  $M_G = \{1, \dots, n_1\}$ ,  $M_A = \{n_1+1, \dots, n_2\}$ ,

$M_T = \{n_2+1, \dots, n_3\}$  and  $M_C = \{n_3+1, \dots, N\}$ . (\*)

The matrix  $A$  in this case must have the form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{matrix} & & & 0 \\ & \begin{matrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{matrix} & & & \\ & & \begin{matrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{matrix} & & & \\ 0 & & & \begin{matrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{matrix} & & \end{pmatrix}$$



where the size of the blocks containing ~~ones~~ corresponds to the size of the sets  $M_s$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ , i.e., the number of indices  $i$  so that  $x_i(k) = S$ . The eigenvalues of a block diagonal matrix are the eigenvalues of the blocks. A matrix of the form

$\mathbb{1}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 1 \\ & \ddots & \\ 1 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has rank one because it is the outer product of the one-vector  $\mathbb{1}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with itself, hence at most one eigenvalue can be nonzero. This eigenvalue is  $n \geq 0$  because

$\mathbb{1}_n \mathbb{1}_n = \mathbb{1}_n \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_n^T \mathbb{1}_n}_n = n \mathbb{1}_n$ . This shows that all eigenvalues of  $A$  are nonnegative, hence  $A$  is positive semi-definite.

~~In the general case we can "order" the indices vector  $c$  by multiplication with an appropriate permutation matrix  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  the indices~~  
 with an appropriate permutation  $\pi: \{1, \dots, N\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, N\}$  so that (\*) holds for  $\{\pi(1), \dots, \pi(N)\}$ . Let  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  be the corresponding permutation matrix, i.e.,  $Pc = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\pi(1)} \\ \vdots \\ c_{\pi(N)} \end{pmatrix}$ . Using  $P^T = P^{-1}$ , we can write

$$c^T A c = (Pc)^T P A P^T (Pc)$$

and we can apply the argument from before

to obtain that  $\tilde{A} = P A P^T$  is p.s.d.. Since  $A$  and  $\tilde{A}$  are similar by definition of  $\tilde{A}$ , they have the same

eigenvalues and also  $A$  has to be s.p.d., showing that  $K$  is a p.s.d. kernel.

b)  $M=1$ :

$$k(x, z) = \sum_{l=1}^L \mathbb{I}(u_{l,1}(x) = u_{l,1}(z))$$

We can write

$$\mathbb{I}(u_{l,1}(x) = u_{l,1}(z)) = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{A}} x_{\{S\}}(x_l) \cdot x_{\{S\}}(z_l),$$

hence, a possible feature map is

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi: \mathcal{A}^L &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{4L}, \quad x \mapsto (x_{\{G\}}(x_1), \dots, x_{\{G\}}(x_1), \dots, x_{\{G\}}(x_L), \dots, x_{\{C\}}(x_L))^\top \\ &= (x_{\{S\}}(x_l))_{S \in \mathcal{A}, l \in \{1, \dots, L\}} \end{aligned}$$

c)  $M=2, \beta_1=0, \beta_2=1$ :

$$k(x, z) = \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \mathbb{I}(u_{l,2}(x) = u_{l,2}(z))$$

Writing

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{I}(u_{l,2}(x) = u_{l,2}(z)) &= \left( \sum_{S \in \mathcal{A}} x_{\{S\}}(x_l) \cdot x_{\{S\}}(z_l) \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{\tilde{S} \in \mathcal{A}} x_{\{\tilde{S}\}}(x_{l+1}) \cdot x_{\{\tilde{S}\}}(z_{l+1}) \right) \\ &= \sum_{S, \tilde{S} \in \mathcal{A}} x_{\{S\}}(x_l) x_{\{\tilde{S}\}}(x_{l+1}) \cdot x_{\{S\}}(z_l) x_{\{\tilde{S}\}}(z_{l+1}), \end{aligned}$$

we see that a possible feature map is

$$\Phi: \mathcal{A}^L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{16(L-1)}, \quad x \mapsto (x_{\{S\}} \cdot x_{\{\tilde{S}\}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \mapsto & (x_{\{G\}}(x_1) \cdot x_{\{G\}}(x_2), x_{\{G\}}(x_1) \cdot x_{\{B\}}(x_2), \dots, x_{\{C\}}(x_1) \cdot x_{\{C\}}(x_2), \dots, \\ & x_{\{G\}}(x_{L-1}) \cdot x_{\{G\}}(x_L), \dots, x_{\{C\}}(x_{L-1}) \cdot x_{\{C\}}(x_L))^\top \\ &= (x_{\{S\}}(x_l) x_{\{\tilde{S}\}}(x_{l+1}))_{S, \tilde{S} \in \mathcal{A}, l \in \{1, \dots, L-1\}} \end{aligned}$$



$$2) \cdot G_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log p_{\mu}(x)$$

$$= \log p_{\mu}(x) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu) \right]$$

$$= \log p_{\mu}(x) \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)$$

$$3) (a) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log p_{\mu}(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left( \log \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d \det \Sigma}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu) \right)$$

$$= \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu) = G_x$$

• Let  $z \sim p_{\mu}$ . Note that  $\Sigma^T = \Sigma$ , hence  $(\Sigma^{-1})^T = \Sigma^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} E[G_z G_z^T] &= E[\Sigma^{-1} (z-\mu) (z-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}] \\ &= \Sigma^{-1} E[(z-\mu) (z-\mu)^T] \Sigma^{-1} \\ &= \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma \Sigma^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \Sigma^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow k(x, x') &= G_x^T (E[G_z G_z^T])^{-1} G_{x'} \\ &= (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma \Sigma^{-1} (x'-\mu) \\ &= (x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x'-\mu) \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\Sigma^{-1}$  is symmetric and positive definite, hence it possesses a (unique) Cholesky decomposition  $\Sigma^{-1} = L L^T$ . Set  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, x \mapsto L^T (x-\mu)$ , to get  $\phi(x)^T \phi(x') = k(x, x')$ .

$$(a) x'(x) = \dots$$

$$x(x) = \dots$$