



# On the Dualization of Operator-Valued Kernel Machines

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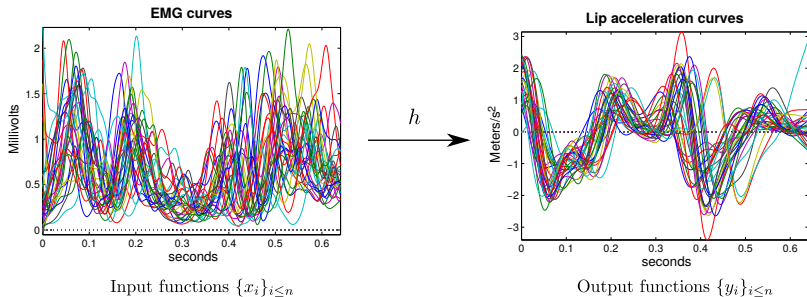
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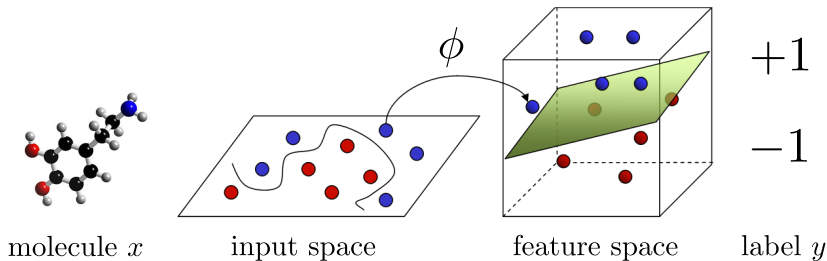
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# Function to Function Regression [Kadri et al., 2016]



$$\operatorname{argmin}_{h \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i - h(x_i)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\Lambda}{2} \|h\|^2$$

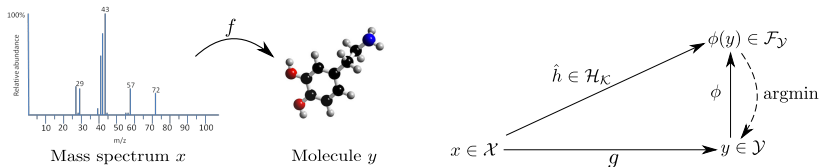
# Classical Use of Kernel Methods



$$\min_{h \in \text{RKHS}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell_{\text{hinge}}(h(x_i), y_i) + \frac{\Lambda}{2} \|h\|^2,$$

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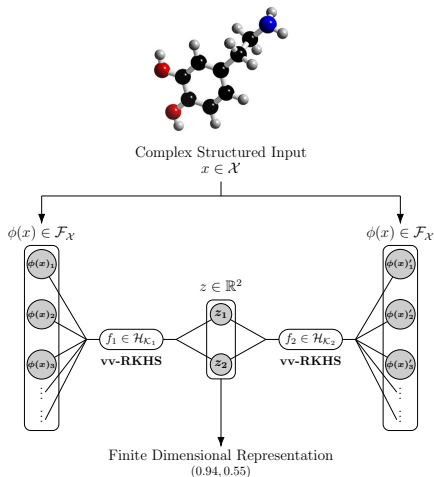
# Metabolite Identification [Brouard et al., 2016]



$$\hat{h} = \underset{h \in \mathcal{H}_K}{\text{argmin}} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\phi(y_i) - h(x_i)\|_{\mathcal{F}_Y}^2 + \frac{\Lambda}{2} \|h\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2,$$

$$g(x) = \underset{y \in \mathcal{Y}}{\text{argmin}} \left\| \phi(y) - \hat{h}(x) \right\|_{\mathcal{F}_Y}.$$

# Molecule Autoencoding [Laforgue et al., 2019a]



$$\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\phi(x_i) - f_2 \circ f_1(\phi(x_i))\|_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{X}}}^2 + \Lambda \text{Reg}(f_1, f_2).$$

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## Scalar Kernels

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# Operator-Valued Kernels and vv-RKHSs

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## Operator-Valued Kernels

- $\mathcal{K}: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{Y})$
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- $\sum_{i,j} \langle \alpha_i, \mathcal{K}(x_i, x_j) \alpha_j \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}} \geq 0$
- vv-RKHS  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}} \subset \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$   
 $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}} = \overline{\text{Span} \{\mathcal{K}(\cdot, x)y : x, y \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}\}}$
- $\forall h \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}, \langle h(x), y \rangle = \langle h, \mathcal{K}(\cdot, x)y \rangle$
- Decomposable:  $\mathcal{K}(x, x') = k(x, x')A$

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**OVK version:**  $\exists (\hat{\alpha}_i)_{i \leq n} \in \mathcal{Y}^n, \quad \hat{h} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{K}(\cdot, x_i) \hat{\alpha}_i$

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$\mathcal{K}(x, x') = k(x, x') \mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{Y}}$ , then  $\hat{\alpha}_i = \sum_j M_{ij} y_j$  with  $M = (K + \Lambda n \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1}$

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# The OVK Dual Problem [Sangnier et al., 2017]

The solution to

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is given by

$$\hat{h} = \frac{1}{\Lambda n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{K}(\cdot, x_i) \hat{\alpha}_i,$$

with  $(\hat{\alpha}_i)_{i=1}^n \in \mathcal{Y}^n$  the solutions to the **dual problem**

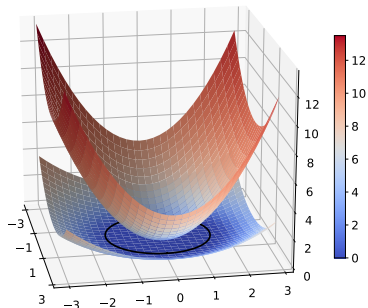
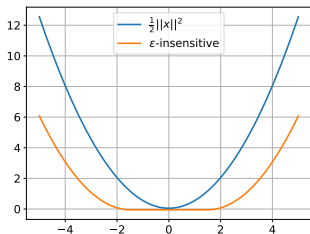
$$\min_{(\alpha_i)_{i=1}^n \in \mathcal{Y}^n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell_i^*(-\alpha_i) + \frac{1}{2\Lambda n} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \langle \alpha_i, \mathcal{K}(x_i, x_j) \alpha_j \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}},$$

where  $f^* : \alpha \in \mathcal{Y} \mapsto \sup_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \langle \alpha, y \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}} - f(y)$  denotes the Fenchel-Legendre transform of a function  $f : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

# The $\epsilon$ -insensitive Losses

Let  $\ell : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex loss with unique minimum at 0, and  $\epsilon > 0$ . The  $\epsilon$ -insensitive version of  $\ell$ , denoted  $\ell_\epsilon$ , is defined by:

$$\forall y \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad \ell_\epsilon(y) = \begin{cases} \ell(0) & \text{if } \|y\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq \epsilon \\ \inf_{\|d\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq 1} \ell(y - \epsilon d) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# Infimal Convolution and Fenchel-Legendre Transforms

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\|\cdot\|^2\right)_\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}\|\cdot\|^2 \square \chi_{\mathcal{B}_\epsilon},$$

with  $\square$  the infimal-convolution operator [Bauschke et al., 2011]  
such that  $(f \square g)(x) = \inf_y f(y) + g(x - y)$ ,

and  $\chi_S$  the indicator function of  $S$ :  $\chi_S(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in S \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

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## $\epsilon$ -Ridge Dual Problem (1/2)

The solution to

$$\min_{h \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i - h(x_i)\|_{\epsilon}^2 + \frac{\Lambda}{2} \|h\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}}^2$$

is given by

$$\hat{h} = \frac{1}{\Lambda n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{K}(\cdot, x_i) \hat{\alpha}_i,$$

with  $(\hat{\alpha}_i)_{i=1}^n \in \mathcal{Y}^n$  minimizing

$$\frac{1}{2\Lambda n} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle \alpha_i, (\mathcal{K}(x_i, x_j) + \Lambda n \mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{Y}}) \alpha_j \right\rangle_{\mathcal{Y}} + \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^n \|\alpha_i\|_{\mathcal{Y}} - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \alpha_i, y_i \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}}$$

## $\epsilon$ -Ridge Dual Problem (2/2)

$$\frac{1}{2\Lambda n} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle \alpha_i, (\mathcal{K}(x_i, x_j) + \Lambda n \mathbf{I}_Y) \alpha_j \right\rangle_Y + \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^n \|\alpha_i\|_Y - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \alpha_i, y_i \rangle_Y$$

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## $\epsilon$ -Ridge Dual Problem (2/2)

$$\frac{1}{2\lambda n} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle \alpha_i, (\mathcal{K}(x_i, x_j) + \lambda \mathbf{I}_Y) \alpha_j \right\rangle_Y + \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^n \|\alpha_i\|_Y - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \alpha_i, y_i \rangle_Y$$

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If for all  $i, j \leq n$ ,  $Y$  is an invariant subspace of  $\mathcal{K}(x_i, x_j)$ , then  $\hat{\alpha}_i \in Y$  for all  $i \leq n$ .

Reparametrization  $\hat{\alpha}_i = \sum_j \omega_{ij} y_j \rightarrow$  dual problem in  $\Omega$  computable.

# The Double Representer Theorem [Laforgue et al., 2019b]

- $\forall i \leq n, \forall (\alpha^Y, \alpha^\perp) \in Y \times Y^\perp, \quad \ell_i^*(\alpha^Y) \leq \ell_i^*(\alpha^Y + \alpha^\perp).$
- $\forall i \leq n, \exists L_i : \mathbb{R}^{n+n^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \ell_i^*(\sum_j \omega_j y_j) = L_i(\omega, K^Y).$
- $\forall i, j \leq n, \quad Y$  is an invariant subspace of  $\mathcal{K}(x_i, x_j).$

Then,  $\hat{h} = \underset{\mathcal{H}_K}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \ell(h(x_i), y_i) + \frac{\Lambda}{2} \|h\|_{\mathcal{H}_K}^2$  is given by

$$\hat{h} = \frac{1}{\Lambda n} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \mathcal{K}(\cdot, x_i) \hat{\omega}_{ij} y_j,$$

with  $\hat{\Omega} = [\hat{\omega}_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  the solution to

$$\min_{\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} \sum_{i=1}^n L_i(\Omega_{i:}, K^Y) + \frac{1}{2\Lambda n} \operatorname{Tr}(\tilde{M}^\top (\Omega \otimes \Omega)),$$

with  $\tilde{M}$  the  $n^2 \times n^2$  matrix writing of  $M$  s.t.  $M_{ijkl} = \langle y_k, \mathcal{K}(x_i, x_j) y_l \rangle_Y.$



## The Double Representer Theorem (cont.)

If  $\mathcal{K}$  further satisfies  $\mathcal{K}(x, x') = \sum_t k_t(x, x') A_t$ , then tensor  $M$  simplifies to  $M_{ijkl} = \sum_t [K_t^X]_{ij} [K_t^Y]_{kl}$  and the problem rewrites

$$\min_{\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} \sum_{i=1}^n L_i(\Omega_{i:}, K^Y) + \frac{1}{2\lambda n} \sum_{t=1}^T \text{Tr}(K_t^X \Omega K_t^Y \Omega^\top).$$

**Rmk.** Only need the  $n^4$  tensor  $\langle y_k, \mathcal{K}(x_i, x_j) y_l \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}}$  to learn OVKM's.

Simplifies to 2  $n^2$  matrices  $K_{ij}^X K_{kl}^Y$  if  $\mathcal{K}$  is decomposable.

# Admissible Losses

- $\ell_i(y) = f(\langle y, z_i \rangle)$ ,  $z_i \in Y$  and  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  convex. (MMR)
- $\ell(y) = f(\|y\|)$ ,  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  cvx inc. s.t.  $t \mapsto \frac{f'(t)}{t}$  is cont.
- $\forall \lambda > 0$ , with  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda$  the centered ball of radius  $\lambda$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ll} \blacksquare \ell(y) = \lambda \|y\|, & \blacksquare \ell(y) = \lambda \|y\| \log(\|y\|), \\ \blacksquare \ell(y) = \chi_{\mathcal{B}_\lambda}(y), & \blacksquare \ell(y) = \lambda (\exp(\|y\|) - 1). \end{array}$$

- $\ell_i(y) = f(y - y_i)$  for  $f$  above.
- Any infimal convolution of previous functions

## Back to $\epsilon$ -Ridge Regression

If  $\mathcal{K} = k\mathbf{I}_Y$ , the solution to the  $\epsilon$ -Ridge regression problem

$$\min_{h \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \max \left( \|y_i - h(x_i)\|_Y - \epsilon, 0 \right)^2 + \frac{\Lambda}{2} \|h\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}}^2,$$

is given by the *Double Representer Theorem*, with  $\hat{\Omega} = \hat{W}V^{-1}$ , and  $\hat{W}$  the solution to the **Multi-Task Lasso problem**

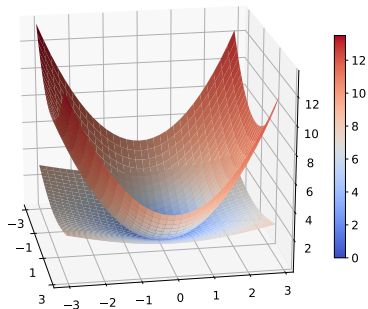
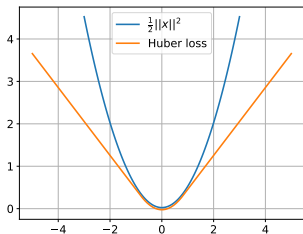
$$\min_{W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} \frac{1}{2} \|AW - B\|_{\text{Fro}}^2 + \epsilon \|W\|_{2,1},$$

with  $V, A, B$  s.t.  $K^Y = VV^\top$ ,  $\frac{K^X}{\Lambda n} + \mathbf{I}_n = A^\top A$ , and  $V = A^\top B$ .

# The Huber Loss

For  $\kappa > 0$ , the Huber loss is  $\ell_{H,\kappa}(y) = \left( \kappa \| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{Y}} \square \frac{1}{2} \| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 \right) (y)$ , or:

$$\forall y \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad \ell_{H,\kappa}(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \|y\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 & \text{if } \|y\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq \kappa \\ \kappa (\|y\|_{\mathcal{Y}} - \frac{\kappa}{2}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# The Huber Dual

If  $\mathcal{K} = k\mathbf{I}_y$ , the solution to the Huber regression problem

$$\min_{h \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell_{H,\kappa}(y_i - h(x_i)) + \frac{\Lambda}{2} \|h\|_{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}}^2,$$

is given by the *Double Representer Theorem*, with  $\hat{\Omega} = \hat{W}V^{-1}$ , and  $\hat{W}$  the solution to the **constrained least squares problem**

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} & \frac{1}{2} \|AW - B\|_{\text{Fro}}^2, \\ \text{s.t.} & \|W\|_{2,\infty} \leq \kappa, \end{array}$$

with  $V$ ,  $A$ , and  $B$  as in the  $\epsilon$ -insensitive Regression.

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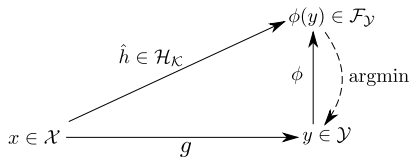
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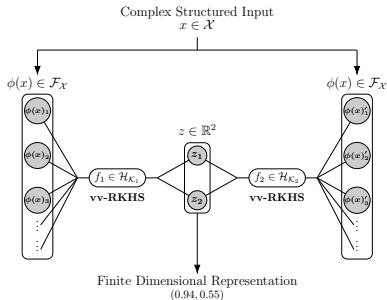
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# Surrogate Approaches



**Figure 1:** Structured Prediction (Output Kernel Regression)



**Figure 2:** Representation Learning (2-Layer Kernel Autoencoder)

Figure 3: MSEs w.r.t.  $\epsilon$ .

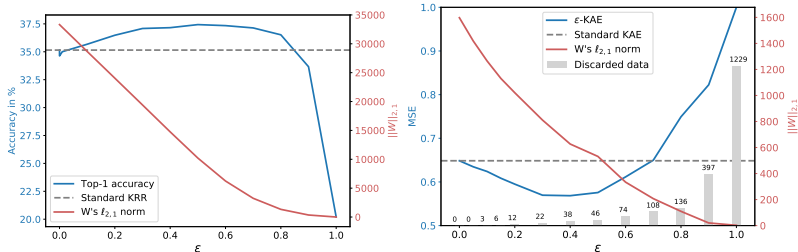


Table 1: Huber test accuracies (%) with respect to  $\kappa$

$\kappa$	TOP 1	TOP 10	TOP 20	$\ W\ _{2,1}$
0.5	38.0	83.5	89.6	2789.6
1.0	<b>38.9</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>89.9</b>	5572.4
1.5	38.6	83.7	89.8	8231.9



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- Integral Losses:  $\ell(y, f(x)) = \int_{\Theta} \ell_{\theta}(y(\theta), f(x)(\theta)) d\mu(\theta)$
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