

”Kernel methods in machine learning”

Homework 2

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Exercise 1.

Let \mathcal{X} be a set and \mathcal{F} be a Hilbert space. Let $\Psi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$, and $K : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be:

$$\forall x, x' \in \mathcal{X}, \quad K(x, x') = \langle \Psi(x), \Psi(x') \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} .$$

Show that K is a positive definite kernel on \mathcal{X} , and describe its RKHS \mathcal{H} .

(Hint: Show that any function of the form $f_w(x) = \langle \Psi(x), w \rangle_{\mathcal{F}}$ is in \mathcal{H} , for $w \in \mathcal{F}$, and explicit its norm.)

Exercise 2.

Prove that for any p.d. kernel K on a space \mathcal{X} , a function $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ belongs to the RKHS \mathcal{H} with kernel K if and only if there exists $\lambda > 0$ such that $K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') - \lambda f(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x}')$ is p.d.

(Hint: you can use the result of Exercise 5.1. that we discussed in the course.)