## Kernel Matrix Regression

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## Kernel methods



- A positive definite kernel is a function $K: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ such that any Gram matrix is positive semidefinite.
- Many algorithm for data analysis, called kernel methods, are based on p.d. kernels (SVMs, kernel PCA, kernel regression, ...)


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K_{\text {Gaussian }}\left(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{\prime}\right)=\exp \left(-\frac{\left\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}^{\prime}\right\|^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}\right) .
$$

## P.d. kernels are inner products

## Theorem (Aronszajn, 1950)

$K$ is a p.d. kernel on the set $\mathcal{X}$ if and only if there exists a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ and a mapping

$$
\Phi: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{H},
$$

such that, for any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{\prime}$ in $\mathcal{X}$ :

$$
K\left(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{\prime}\right)=\left\langle\Phi(\mathbf{x}), \Phi\left(\mathbf{x}^{\prime}\right)\right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} .
$$



## Motivation 1: "expensive" vs "cheap" kernels



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- Objective: predict the function of proteins $\Longrightarrow$ we need a kernel for proteins.
- "Cheap" kernel: all protein sequences are easily known, we easily define a kernel $K_{\text {seq }}$ based on sequences.
- "Expensive" kernel: a few protein structures are known, we can define a kernel $K_{\text {struct }}$ based on structures
- The problem: $K_{\text {struct }}$ is more relevant, but not available for all proteins; $K_{\text {seq }}$ is less relevant but known for all proteins.


## Motivation 2: Graph inference



- Available genomic data $=K_{\text {input }}$
- Graph to predict (partially known) $=K_{\text {output }}$ (after Hilbert embedding)
- Problem: predict missing entries in $K_{\text {output }}$ from $K_{\text {input }}$


## The problem

$$
K=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
K_{t t} & K_{p t}^{\top} \\
K_{p t} & K_{p p}
\end{array}\right), \quad G=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
G_{t t} & G_{p t}^{\top} \\
G_{p t} & G_{p p}
\end{array}\right),
$$

- $K$ is fully known
- $G_{t t}$ is known, but not $G_{p t}$ nor $G_{p p}$
- Goal: predict $G_{p t}$ and $G_{p p}$ from $K$ and $G_{t t}$


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## Kernel matrix regression

## The idea

- Directly try to predict the expensive kernel $G$ from $K$, using the know part as training set.
- In order to learn a p.d. function we impose the model:

$$
G(x, y)=\sum_{i} u_{i}(x) u_{i}(y)+\epsilon
$$

for $u_{i}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

- We minimize the $L_{2}$ (Frobenius) norm of $\epsilon$ over the training set.


## Kernel matrix regression

## Solution

- We look for $u_{i}$ in the RKHS of $K$ :

$$
u_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{j}^{i} K\left(x_{j}, x\right)
$$

- Minimization over the $\alpha$ 's of

$$
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## Regularized kernel matrix regression

Minimization over the $\alpha$ 's of

$$
\left\|G_{t t}-K_{t t} A A^{\top} K_{t t}\right\|_{\text {Fro }}^{2}+2 \lambda \sum_{i}\left\|u_{i}\right\|_{R K H S}^{2}
$$

gives:

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## Biological network inference

## Data

- Reconstruct the metabolic gene network, a biological network with 769 genes as vertices
- Use a kernel over genes deduced from gene expression data, phylogenetic profiles, cellular localization.
- The graph is embedded to a Hilbert space using a diffusion kernel
- 5-fold cross-validation, measure average AUC.


## Biological network inference: Results



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- A method to predict missing entries in a kernel Gram matrix using side information from another Gram matrix
- Objective function and regularization more adapted to the problem than kernel CCA

