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# **KERNEL-BASED APPROXI- MATION OF THE KOOPMAN GENERATOR**

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## Approximation of the Generator

Recall that for SDEs, the generator is the differential operator:

$$\mathcal{L}\psi(x) = b(x) \cdot \nabla\psi(x) + \frac{1}{2}a(x) : \nabla^2\psi(x).$$

Galerkin approximation to  $\mathcal{L}$  on a trial space  $\mathbb{W} = \text{span}\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ :

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{G}_{ij} = \langle \psi_i, \psi_j \rangle_\mu, \quad \mathbf{A}_{ij} = \langle \psi_i, \mathcal{L}\psi_j \rangle_\mu.$$

By ergodicity, data-driven approximations are (gEDMD):

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{1}{M}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T, \quad \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{M}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{d}\mathbf{X}^T, \quad \mathbf{X}_{im} = \psi_i(X_{t_m}), \quad \mathbf{d}\mathbf{X}_{im} = \mathcal{L}\psi_i(X_{t_m}).$$



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# Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space

Let  $\mathbb{H} \subset C(\mathbb{X})$  be a Hilbert space of continuous functions on a domain  $\mathbb{X}$ . Assume the point evaluation functional  $\delta_x f = f(x)$  is continuous for some  $x \in \mathbb{X}$ . Then there is a function  $k_x(\cdot) \in \mathbb{H}$  such that

$$f(x) = \delta_x f = \langle f, k_x(\cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}}$$

for all  $f \in \mathbb{H}$ . If the above is true for all  $x \in \mathbb{X}$ , we can define a two-parameter function

$$k(x, y) := k_x(y)$$

which is called the *reproducing kernel* for  $\mathbb{H}$ .

# Definition RKHS

## Definition

Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a suitable domain and  $\mathbb{H}$  a space of continuous functions  $f: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\mathbb{H}$  is called a *reproducing kernel Hilbert space* (RKHS) with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{H}}$  if a function  $k: \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  exists such that

1.  $\mathbb{H} = \overline{\text{span}\{k(x, \cdot), x \in \mathbb{X}\}},$
2.  $\langle f, k(x, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} = f(x)$  for all  $f \in \mathbb{H}$ .

# Basic Properties

## 1. Symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} k(x, y) &= \delta_y k_x(\cdot) = \langle k(x, \cdot), k(y, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} \\ &= \langle k(y, \cdot), k(x, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} = k(y, x) \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Positive semi-definiteness: let $x_j \in \mathbb{X}$ , $c_j \in \mathbb{R}$ , $j = 1, \dots, N$ :

$$\sum_{j,k=1}^N c_j c_k k(x_j, x_k) = \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^N c_j k(x_j, \cdot), \sum_{j=1}^N c_j k(x_j, \cdot) \right\rangle_{\mathbb{H}} \geq 0.$$

The *Gramian* matrix is always positive semi-definite.

A two-argument function with these properties is called *positive semi-definite*.

# Equivalence Result

## Theorem (Moore-Aronszajn)

*Let  $k(\cdot, \cdot)$  be a positive semi-definite function. Then there is a unique RKHS  $\mathbb{H}$  with  $k$  as its reproducing kernel.*

## Idea of the Proof.

Consider the linear span  $\tilde{\mathbb{H}}$  of all finite combinations  $\sum_{j=1}^N c_j k(x_j, \cdot)$ , with semi inner product  $\sum_{j,k} c_j d_k k(x_j, x_k)$ . It can be shown that this is actually a genuine inner product, and  $\tilde{\mathbb{H}}$  is a pre-Hilbert space. Complete it and identify elements  $\tilde{f}$  of the completion  $\mathbb{H}$  with a function by  $f(x) = \left\langle \tilde{f}, k(x, \cdot) \right\rangle_{\mathbb{H}}$ . □



# Kernel Trick

In summary, a RKHS is a Hilbert space of functions where inner products can be evaluated by kernel evaluations (*the "kernel trick"*).

## Example

- The most popular kernel is the Gaussian  $k(x, y) = \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|x - y\|^2)$ .
- Many other kernels with rich properties have been developed for a broad range of applications.

# Derivative Reproducing Property

The Reproducing Property can be extended to derivatives if the kernel is smooth:

## Theorem

*Let  $k(\cdot, \cdot) \in C^{2k}(\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X})$  be a positive definite function on an open set  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then all functions in  $\mathbb{H}$  are  $C^k$  and we have for all  $|\alpha| \leq k$ :*

$$D^\alpha f(x) = \langle f, D^\alpha k(x, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}},$$

*where the derivative acts on the first argument of  $k$ .*

# References

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# Rank-one Operators

In order to approximate the generator on an RKHS, we introduce rank-one operators of the type:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}_x^\alpha &: \mathbb{H} \mapsto \mathbb{H}, \quad x \in \mathbb{X}, \\ \mathcal{T}_x^\alpha f &:= \langle f, D^\alpha k(x, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} k(x, \cdot).\end{aligned}$$

We can verify for all  $f, g \in \mathbb{H}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathcal{T}_x^\alpha f, g \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} &= \langle f, D^\alpha k(x, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} \langle k(x, \cdot), g \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} \\ &= D^\alpha f(x) \langle k(x, \cdot), g \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} = D^\alpha f(x) g(x).\end{aligned}$$

# Approximating Differential Operators

Consider a formal operator

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{H}}^{\alpha} f = \int_{\mathbb{X}} w(x) \langle f, D^{\alpha} k(x, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} k(x, \cdot) d\mu(x),$$

where  $w$  is a weight function. This is a bounded linear operator on  $\mathbb{H}$  if:

$$\int_{\mathbb{X}} |w(x)| \|D^{\alpha} k(x, \cdot)\|_{\mathbb{H}} \|k(x, \cdot)\|_{\mathbb{H}} d\mu(x) < \infty.$$

# Approximating Differential Operators

We can then verify that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{H}}^{\alpha} f, g \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} &= \left\langle \int_{\mathbb{X}} w(x) \langle f, D^{\alpha} k(x, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} k(x, \cdot) d\mu(x), g \right\rangle_{\mathbb{H}} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{X}} w(x) \langle f, D^{\alpha} k(x, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} \langle k(x, \cdot), g \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} d\mu(x) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{X}} w(x) D^{\alpha} f(x) g(x) d\mu(x).\end{aligned}$$

The last term is an inner product in  $L_{\mu}^2$  between a function  $g$  and the action of a differential operator  $w(\cdot) D^{\alpha} f(\cdot)$  on another function  $f$ .

## Approximating the Generator

For the generator of an SDE, we can make the definitions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{H}} f = \int_{\mathbb{X}} \left[ \sum_i b_i(x) \langle D^{e_i} k(x, \cdot), f \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}(x) \langle D^{e_i + e_j} k(x, \cdot), f \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} \right] k(x, \cdot) d\mu(x),$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{00} f = \int_{\mathbb{X}} \langle k(x, \cdot), f \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} k(x, \cdot) d\mu(x).$$



## Galerkin Approximation

### Theorem

Assume that  $\mathbb{H} \subset \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{L})$ , and that

$$\begin{aligned} \int |a_{ij}(x)| \|D^{e_i+e_j} k(x, \cdot)\|_{\mathbb{H}} \|k(x, \cdot)\|_{\mathbb{H}} d\mu(x) &< \infty, \\ \int |b_i(x)| \|D^{e_i} k(x, \cdot)\|_{\mathbb{H}} \|k(x, \cdot)\|_{\mathbb{H}} d\mu(x) &< \infty, \\ \int \|k(x, \cdot)\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2 d\mu(x) &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Then, for all  $f, g \in \mathbb{H}$ ,

$$\langle \mathcal{L}f, g \rangle_{\mu} = \langle \mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{H}} f, g \rangle_{\mathbb{H}},$$

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$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\mu} = \langle C_{00} f, g \rangle_{\mathbb{H}}.$$

# Numerical Algorithm

Data-driven approximations of the RKHS operators:

$$\mathrm{d}k(x_m) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}(x_m) D^{e_i+e_j} k(x_m, \cdot) + \sum_i b_i(x_m) D^{e_i} k(x_m, \cdot),$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{C}}_{00} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \langle k(x_m, \cdot), \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} k(x_m, \cdot),$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbb{H}} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \langle \mathrm{d}k(x_m), \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} k(x_m, \cdot).$$

Convergence:  $\|\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{H}} - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbb{H}}\|_{\mathrm{HS}} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\|\mathcal{C}_{00} - \hat{\mathcal{C}}_{00}\|_{\mathrm{HS}} \rightarrow 0$  with  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

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## Comments

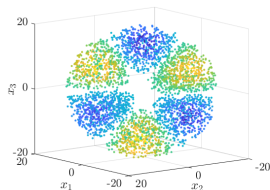
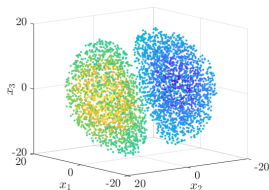
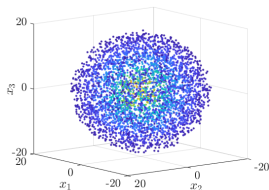
- Finite-dimensional matrix representations of these operators can be obtained. These matrices require evaluations of drift / diffusion, and of derivatives of the kernel function, at the data sites.
- The same formalism can be applied to derive kernel approximations for other differential operators, e.g. Schrödinger operators.

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## Example

Schrödinger operator for the hydrogen atom in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$\mathcal{T} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\|x\|}$$



## Discussion

- + Large approximation spaces can be used implicitly to approximate the Koopman generator.
- + Approximation quality of RKHS has been studied for a long time.
- +− Requires solution of matrix eigenvalue problems of the same size as the data.
  - − These problems may be poorly conditioned.
  - − Hyper-parameters of the kernel function need to be tuned.

