

Advanced Machine Learning & Perception

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Topic 7

- Standard Kernels
- Generalization and Regularization
- Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space and Kernel Properties
- Unusual Kernels
- String Kernels
- Probabilistic Kernels
- Probability Product Kernels

Kernels

- Inner product of mapped inputs: $k(X, X') = f(X)^T f(X')$

- Example Kernels:

$p = \#$ of twists in SVM decision boundary

P-th Order Polynomial Kernel: $k(x, y) = (x^T y + 1)^p$

RBF Kernel (infinite!): $k(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|x - y\|^2\right)$

- Kernels replace inner products in SVMs, allow nonlinearity:

$$L_D : \max \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j k(x_i, x_j) \quad \text{subject to } \alpha_i \in [0, C]$$

$$f(x) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_i \alpha_i y_i k(x, x_i) + b\right)$$

- Solution is still a QP, uses **Gram** matrix K (positive definite)

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} k(x_1, x_1) & k(x_1, x_2) & k(x_1, x_3) \\ & k(x_2, x_2) & k(x_2, x_3) \\ & & k(x_3, x_3) \end{bmatrix} \quad K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$$

Standard Kernels over Vectors

- All take two input vectors x and y and produce a scalar:

$$k(x, y) = (x^T y + 1)^p$$

$$k(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|x - y\|^2\right)$$

$$k(x, y) = \tanh(\kappa x^T y - \delta)$$

String Kernels

- Inputs are two strings: $X = \text{"aardvark"}$
 $X' = \text{"accent"}$

• Want $k(X, X') = \text{scalar value} = \phi(X)^T \phi(X')$

- One choice for features $\phi(X)$ is the number of times each substring of length 1, 2 and 3 appears in X

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(X) &= [\#a \ #b \ #c \ #d \ #e \ #f \ \dots \ #y \ #z \ #aa \ #ab \ #ac \ \dots] \\ &= [3 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots] \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(X') = [1 \ 0 \ 2 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ \dots]$$

- Can do this efficiently via dynamic programming

String Kernels

- Want $k(X, X') = \text{scalar value} = \phi(X)^T \phi(X')$
- Explicit Kernel can be slow because of many substrings s in our final vocabulary
- $\phi_s(X) = \text{number of times substring } s \text{ appears in } X$
- $\phi_a(\text{aardvark}) = 3$ $\phi_{ar}(\text{aardvark}) = 1$
- Implicit Kernel is more efficient

$k(X, X')$: for each substring s of X , count how often s appears in X'

...via dynamic programming in time proportional to the product of the lengths of X and X' . This computes the dot product much more quickly!

Fisher Kernels

Fisher Kernel: approximate distance between two generative models on statistical manifold using Kullback Leibler
Approximate KL by quadratic form local tangent space at ML estimate

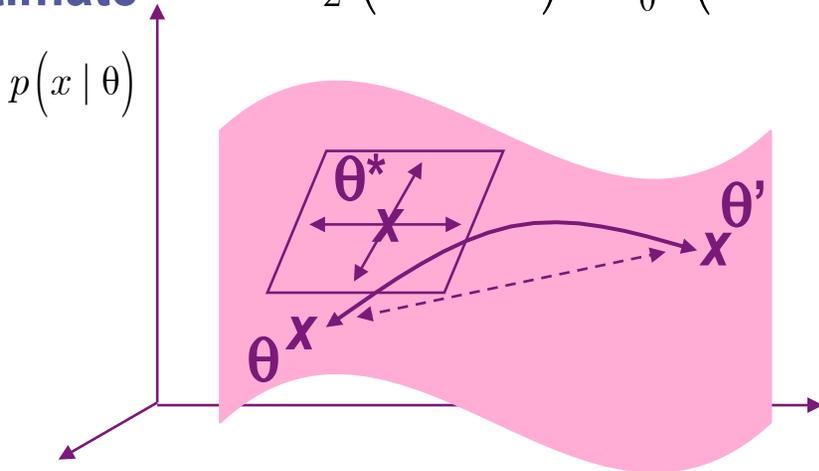
$$KL(p \parallel p') = \int p \log \frac{p}{p'} dx$$

$$KL \approx \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta')^T I_{\theta^*} (\theta - \theta')$$

affinity from distance= kernel !!!
via Fisher Info & gradients

$$K(\chi, \chi') \approx U_x I_{\theta^*}^{-1} U_{x'}$$

$$U_x = \nabla_{\theta^*} \log p(\chi | \theta)$$



Fisher Info $I_{\theta^*}(i, j) = \int p(\chi | \theta^*) \frac{\partial \log p(\chi | \theta)}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial \log p(\chi | \theta)}{\partial \theta_j} d\chi$

Other Divergences

Since the Kullback Leibler Divergence is asymmetric and tricky...

Find other divergences: $D(p, q) \geq 0, D(p, q) = 0$ iff $p = q$

Kullback-Leibler:
$$KL(p, q) = \int p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx$$

Jensen-Shannon:
$$JS(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} KL\left(p, \frac{p+q}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} KL\left(q, \frac{p+q}{2}\right)$$

Symmetrized KL:
$$SKL(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} KL(p, q) + \frac{1}{2} KL(q, p)$$

Hellinger Divergence:
$$H(p, q) = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\int \left(\sqrt{p(x)} - \sqrt{q(x)}\right)^2 dx}$$

... makes a nice kernel:
$$H(p, q) = \sqrt{k(p, p) - 2k(p, q) + k(q, q)}$$

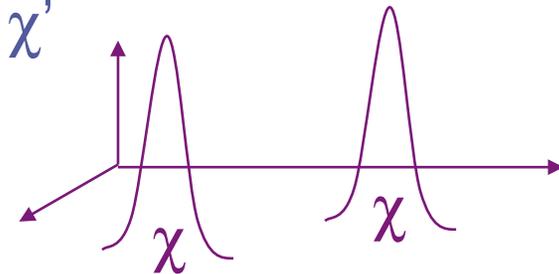
Probability Product Kernels

Computing the kernel: given inputs χ and χ'

1) Estimate Densities (i.e. ML):

$$\chi \rightarrow p(x) = p(x | \theta)$$

$$\chi' \rightarrow p'(x) = p(x | \theta')$$



2) Compute Bhattacharyya Affinity: $K(\chi, \chi') = \int \sqrt{p} \sqrt{p'} dx$

Probability Product Kernel: $K(\chi, \chi') = \int (p)^\rho (p')^\rho dx$

Bhattacharyya Kernel: $\rho = \frac{1}{2}$

Expected Likelihood Kernel: $\rho = 1$

$$K(\chi, \chi') = E_p[p'] = E_{p'}[p]$$

Gaussian Product Kernels

Gaussian Mean: (any ρ) $K(\chi, \chi') = \int N^\rho(x | \mu) N^\rho(x | \mu') dx$
(continuous)
If $\mu = \chi$ $\mu' = \chi'$ get RBF Kernel $\propto \exp\left(-\|\mu - \mu'\|^2 / \tilde{\sigma}\right)$
Fisher here is linear

Gaussian Covariance: (any ρ)

$$K(\chi, \chi') = \int N^\rho(x | \mu, \Sigma) N^\rho(x | \mu', \Sigma') dx$$

$$\propto |\Sigma|^{-\rho/2} |\Sigma'|^{-\rho/2} |\Sigma^\diamond|^{1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{2} \mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu - \frac{\rho}{2} \mu'^T \Sigma'^{-1} \mu' + \frac{1}{2} \mu^\diamond \Sigma^\diamond \mu^\diamond\right)$$

where $\Sigma^\diamond = (\rho \Sigma^{-1} + \rho \Sigma'^{-1})^{-1}$ and $\mu^\diamond = \rho \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \rho \Sigma'^{-1} \mu'$

Fisher here is quadratic

But, how do we get a non-degenerate covariance from 1 data point?

Multinomial Product Kernels

Bernoulli:
(binary)

$$p(x | \theta) = \prod_{d=1}^D \gamma_d^{x_d} (1 - \gamma_d)^{1-x_d}$$

$$K(\chi, \chi') = \int (p(x))^{\rho} (p'(x))^{\rho} dx$$

$$= \prod_{d=1}^D \left[(\gamma_d \gamma_d')^{\rho} + (1 - \gamma_d)^{\rho} (1 - \gamma_d')^{\rho} \right]$$

Multinomial:
(discrete)

$$p(x | \theta) = \prod_{d=1}^D \alpha_d^{x_d}$$

$$K(\chi, \chi') = \sum_{d=1}^D (\alpha_d \alpha_d')^{\rho}$$

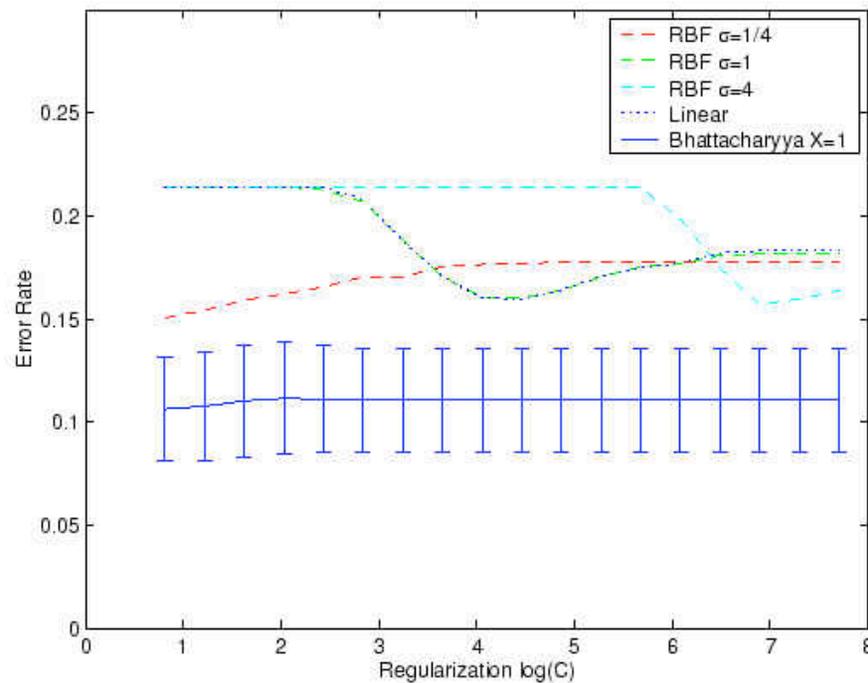
For multinomial counts (for N words):

$$K(\chi, \chi') = \left[\sum_{d=1}^D (\alpha_d \alpha_d')^{1/2} \right]^N$$

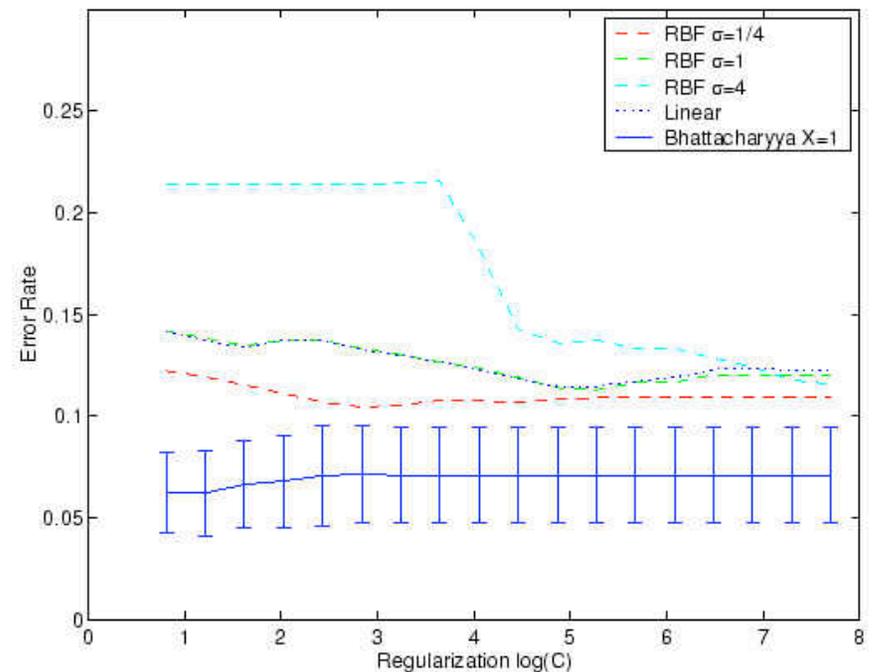
Fisher for Multinomial is linear

Multinomial Product Kernels

WebKB dataset: Faculty vs. student web page SVM kernel classifier
 20-Fold Cross-Validation, 1641 student & 1124 faculty, ...
 Use Bhattacharyya Kernel on multinomial (word frequency)



Training Set Size = 77



Training Set Size = 622

Exp. Family Product Kernels

Exponential Family: Many Properties, includes Gaussian Mean, Covariance, Multinomial, Binomial, Poisson, Exponential, Gamma, Bernoulli, Dirichlet, ...

$$p(x | \theta) = \exp\left(A(x) + T(x)^T \theta - K(\theta)\right)$$

Maximum likelihood is straightforward: $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} K(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_n T(x_n)$

All have above form but different $A(x)$, $T(x)$, convex $K(\theta)$

Family	$A(X)$	$K(\theta)$
Gaussian (mean)	$-\frac{1}{2} X^T X - \frac{D}{2} \log(2\pi)$	$\frac{1}{2} \theta^T \theta$
Gaussian (variance)	$-\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi)$	$-\frac{1}{2} \log(\theta)$
Multinomial	$\log(\Gamma(\eta + 1)) - \log(\nu)$	$\eta \log(1 + \sum_{d=1}^D \exp(\theta_d))$
Exponential	0	$-\log(-\theta)$
Gamma	$-\exp(X) - X$	$\log \Gamma(\theta)$
Poisson	$\log(X!)$	$\exp(\theta)$

Exp. Family Product Kernels

Compute the Bhattacharyya Kernel for the e-family:

$$p(x | \theta) = \exp\left(A(x) + T(x)^T \theta - K(\theta)\right)$$

Analytic solution for e-family:

$$\begin{aligned} K(\chi, \chi') &= \int p(x | \theta)^{1/2} p(x | \theta')^{1/2} dx \\ &= \exp\left(K\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta + \frac{1}{2}\theta'\right) - \frac{1}{2}K\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right) - \frac{1}{2}K\left(\theta'\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

Only depends on convex cumulant-generating function $K(\theta)$

Meanwhile, Fisher Kernel is always linear in sufficient stats...

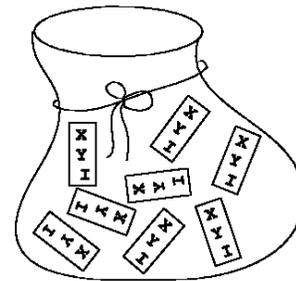
$$\begin{aligned} U_x &= \nabla_{\theta^*} \log p(\chi | \theta) = T(\chi) - \nabla_{\theta^*} K(\theta) \\ U_{\chi} I_{\theta^*}^{-1} U_{\chi'} &= \left(T(\chi) - g\right)^T I_{\theta^*}^{-1} \left(T(\chi') - g\right) \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian Product Kernels

Instead of a single χ & χ'
 Construct p & p' from many χ & χ'
 I.e. use bag of vectors

$$\{\chi_1, \dots, \chi_N\} \rightarrow p(x)$$

$$\{\chi_1', \dots, \chi_{N'}'\} \rightarrow p'(x)$$



$$\mu = E\{\chi_i\} \quad \Sigma = E\left\{(\chi_i - \mu)(\chi_i - \mu)^T\right\}$$



$$\sim N(x \mid \mu, \Sigma)$$



$$\sim N(x \mid \mu', \Sigma')$$

$$K(\chi, \chi') = |\Sigma|^{-\rho/2} |\Sigma'|^{-\rho/2} |\Sigma^\diamond|^{1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{2} \mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu - \frac{\rho}{2} \mu'^T \Sigma'^{-1} \mu' + \frac{1}{2} \mu^\diamond \Sigma^\diamond \mu^\diamond\right)$$

Kernelized Gaussian Product

Bhattacharyya affinity on Gaussians on bags $\{\chi, \dots\}$ & $\{\chi', \dots\}$

Invariant: to order of tuples in each bag

But too simple: overlap of two Gaussian distributions on images



Need more detail than mean and covariance of pixels...

Use Kernel Trick again when computing Gaussian mean & covariance

$$\kappa(\chi, \chi') = \phi(\chi)^T \phi(\chi')$$

Never compute outerproducts, use kernel, i.e. infinite RBF:

$$\kappa(\chi, \chi') = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\chi - \chi'\|^2\right)$$

Compute mini-kernel between each pixel in a given image...

Gives kernelized or augmented Gaussian μ and Σ via Gram

Kernelized Gaussian Product

Previously: $\mu = E\{\chi\}$ $\Sigma = E\left\{(\chi - \mu)(\chi - \mu)^T\right\}$

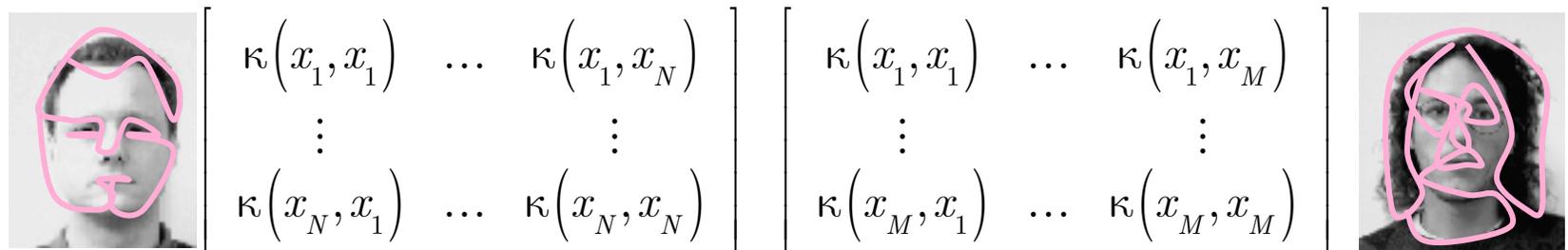
Now have: $\mu = E\{\phi(\chi)\}$ $\Sigma = E\left\{(\phi(\chi) - \mu)(\phi(\chi) - \mu)^T\right\}$

Still invariant to order of pixels

Compute Hilbert Gaussian's mean & covariance of each image

bag or image is N x N pixel Gram matrix using kappa kernel

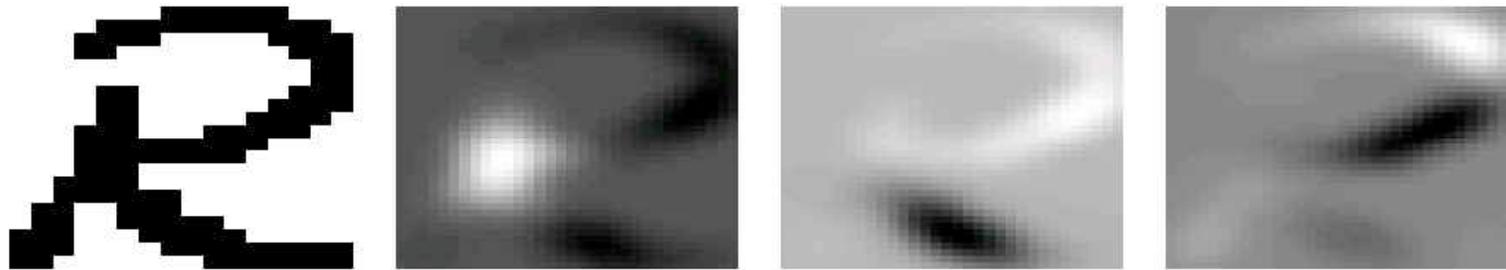
Use kernel PCA to regularize infinite dimensional RBF Gaussian



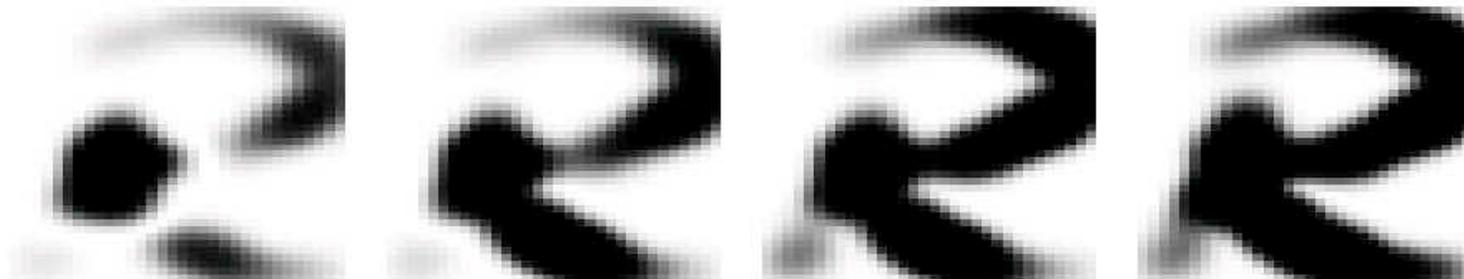
$$K(\phi(\chi) \parallel \phi(\chi')) \propto |\Sigma|^{-\rho/2} |\Sigma'|^{-\rho/2} |\Sigma^\diamond|^{1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{2} \mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu - \frac{\rho}{2} \mu'^T \Sigma'^{-1} \mu' + \frac{1}{2} \mu^\diamond \Sigma^\diamond \mu^\diamond\right)$$

Puts all dimensions (X,Y,I) on an equal footing

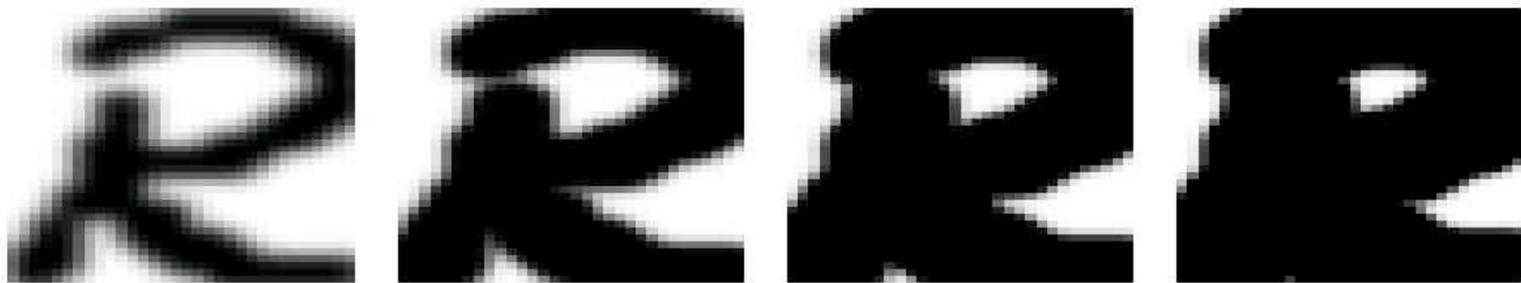
Kernelized Gaussian Product



Letter 'R' with 3 KPCA Components of RBF Kernel



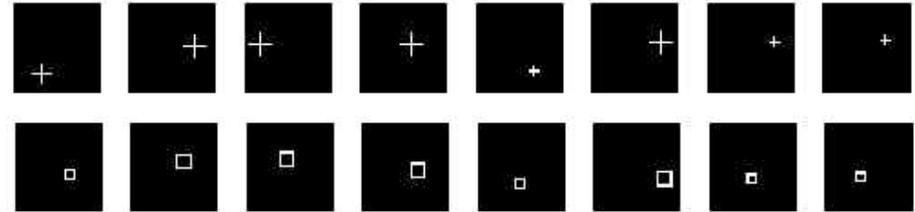
Reconstruction of Letter 'R' with 1-4 KPCA with RBF Kernel



Reconstruction of Letter 'R' with 3 KPCA with RBF Kernel + Smoothing

Kernelized Gaussian Product

100 40x40 monochromatic images of crosses & squares translating & scaling

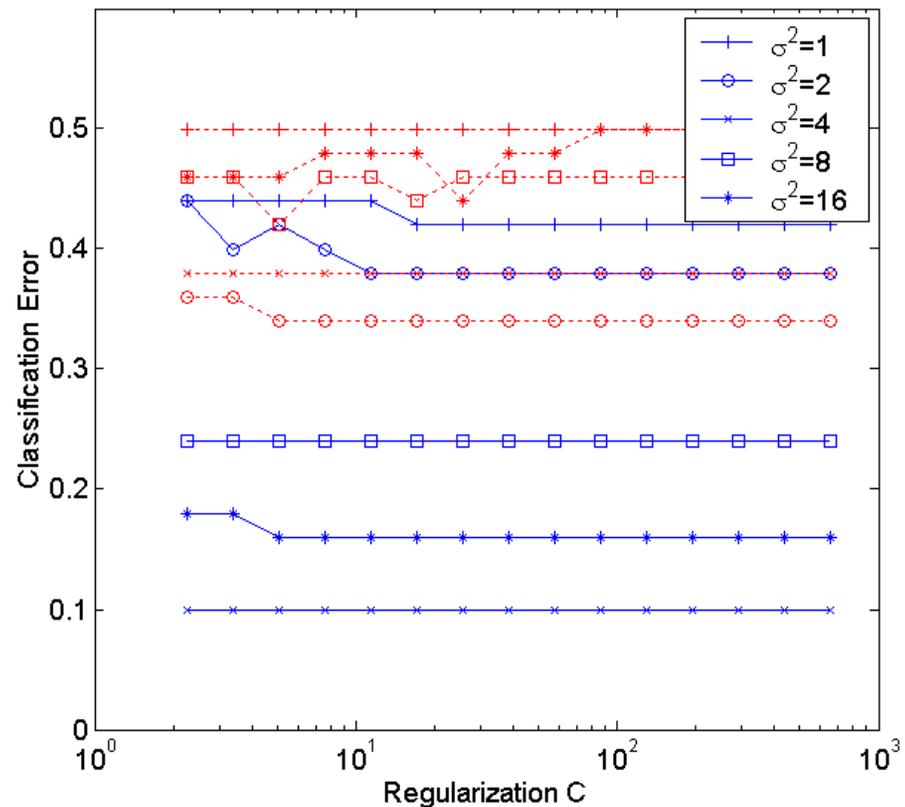


SVM: Train on 50, Test on 50

Fisher for Gaussian is Quadratic Kernel

RBF Kernel (red)
67% accuracy

Bhattacharyya (blue)
90% accuracy



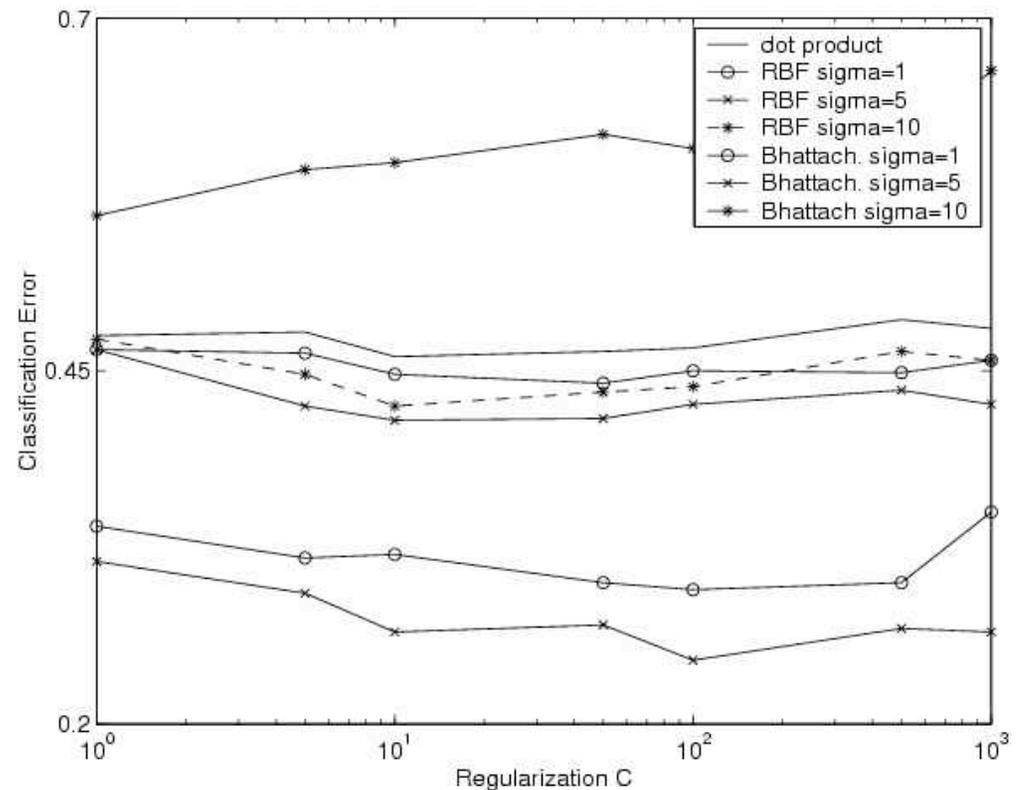
Kernelized Gaussian Product

SVM Classification of NIST digit images 0,1,...,9
 Sample each image to get bag of 30 (X,Y) pixels
 Train on random 120, test on random 80



bag-of-vectors
 Bhattacharyya
 outperforms
 standard RBF
 due to built-in
 invariance

Fisher Kernel for
 Gaussian is quadratic

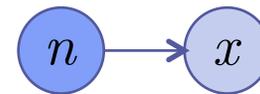
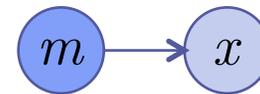


Mixture Product Kernels

Beyond Exponential Family: Mixtures and Hidden Variables
Easier for $\rho=1$ Expected Likelihood kernel...

$$\chi \rightarrow p(x) = \sum_{m=1}^M p(m) p(x | m)$$

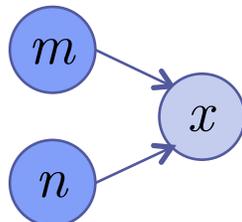
$$\chi' \rightarrow p'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N p'(n) p'(x | n)$$



$$K(\chi, \chi') = \int p(x) p'(x) dx$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N p(m) p'(n) \int p(x | m) p'(x | n) dx$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N p(m) p'(n) K_{m,n}(\chi, \chi')$$



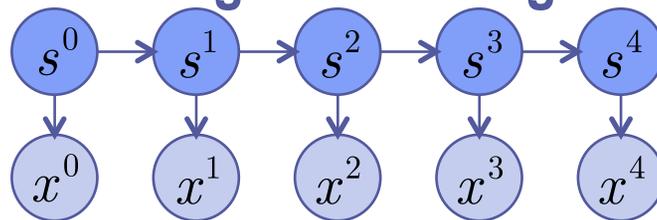
Use $M \cdot N$ subkernel evaluations
from our previous repertoire

HMM Product Kernels

Hidden Markov Models: (sequences)

$$p(x) = \sum_S p(s_0) p(x_0 | s_0) \prod_{t=1}^T p(s_t | s_{t-1}) p(x_t | s_t)$$

of hidden configurations large



$$\# \text{ configs} = |s|^T$$

Kernel: $K(\chi, \chi') = \int p(x) p'(x) dx$

$$= \sum_S \sum_U p(S) p'(U) \int p(x | S) p'(x | U) dx$$

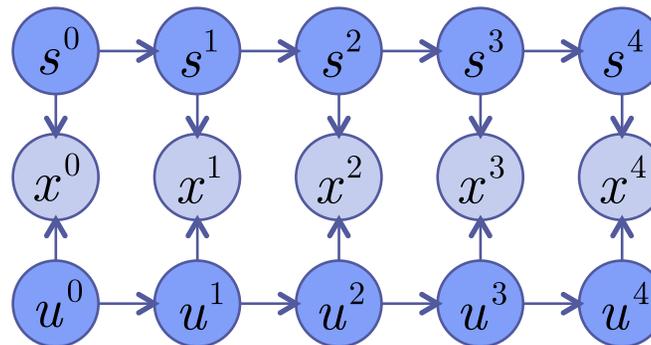
$$= \sum_S \sum_U p(S) p'(U) K_{S,U}(x, x')$$

Do we need to consider raw cross-product of hiddens? $O(|s|^T \times |u|^T)$

HMM Product Kernels

$$\begin{aligned}
 K(\chi, \chi') &= \sum_S \sum_U \prod_t p(s_t | s_{t-1}) p'(u_t | u_{t-1}) \int p(x_t | s_t) p'(x_t | u_t) dx_t \\
 &= \sum_{S,U} \prod_t p(s_t | s_{t-1}) p'(u_t | u_{t-1}) K_{s_t, u_t} \\
 &= \sum_{S,U} p(s_0) p'(u_0) \psi(s_0, u_0) \prod_t p(s_t | s_{t-1}) p'(u_t | u_{t-1}) \psi(s_t, u_t)
 \end{aligned}$$

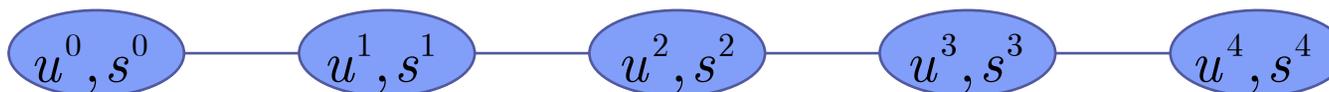
Take advantage of structure in HMMs via Bayesian network



Only compute subkernels for common parents

Evaluate total of $O(T |s| |u|)$ subkernels

Form +ve clique potential functions, sum via junction tree algorithm



Sampling Product Kernels

Sampling: approximate K $K(\chi, \chi') = \int p(x) p'(x) dx$

By definition, generative models can:

- 1) Generate a Sample
- 2) Compute Likelihood of a Sample

Thus, approximate probability product via sampling:

$$\begin{aligned}
 K(\chi, \chi') &= K(p, p') \\
 &= \frac{\beta}{N} \sum_{\substack{x_i \sim p(x) \\ i=1 \dots N}} p'(x_i) + \frac{1-\beta}{N'} \sum_{\substack{x_i' \sim p'(x) \\ i=1 \dots N'}} p(x_i')
 \end{aligned}$$

Beta controls how much sampling from each distribution...