

# Advances in kernel exponential families

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# Outline

## Motivating application:

- Fast estimation of complex multivariate densities

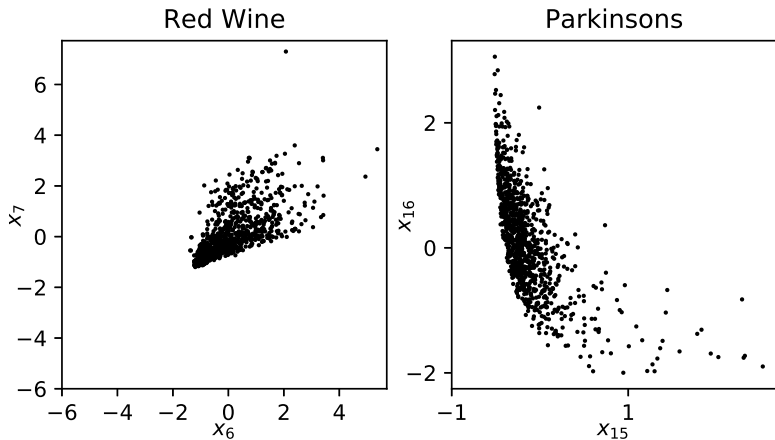
## The infinite exponential family:

- Multivariate Gaussian  $\rightarrow$  Gaussian process
- Finite mixture model  $\rightarrow$  Dirichlet process mixture model
- Finite exponential family  $\rightarrow$  ???

## In this talk:

- Guaranteed speed improvements by Nystrom
- Conditional models

## Goal: learn high dimensional, complex densities



We want:

- Efficient computation and representation
- Statistical guarantees

## The exponential family

The exponential family in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$p(x) = \exp \left( \left\langle \underbrace{\eta}_{\substack{\text{natural} \\ \text{parameter}}}, \underbrace{T(x)}_{\substack{\text{sufficient} \\ \text{statistic}}} \right\rangle - \underbrace{A(\eta)}_{\substack{\text{log} \\ \text{normaliser}}} \right) \underbrace{q_0(x)}_{\substack{\text{base} \\ \text{measure}}}$$

Examples:

- Gaussian density:  $T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x & x^2 \end{bmatrix}$
- Gamma density:  $T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \ln x & x \end{bmatrix}$

Can we extend this to infinite dimensions?

## Infinitely many features using kernels

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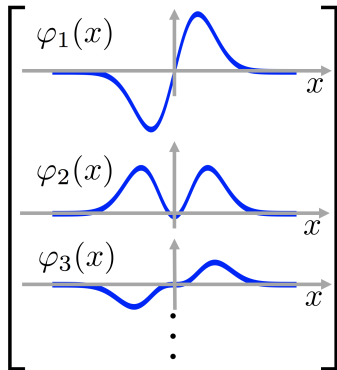
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**Exponentiated quadratic kernel**

$$k(x, x') = \exp(-\gamma \|x - x'\|^2)$$

$$\varphi(x) =$$



Features: Gaussian Processes for Machine learning, Rasmussen and Williams, Ch. 4.

## Functions of infinitely many features

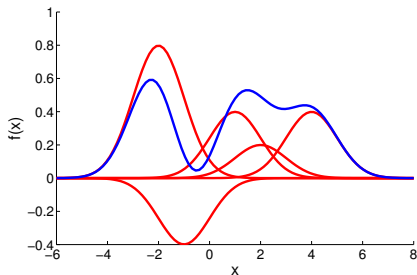
Functions are linear combinations of features:

$$f(x) = \langle f, \varphi(x) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} f_{\ell} \varphi_{\ell}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(x) \\ \varphi_2(x) \\ \varphi_3(x) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

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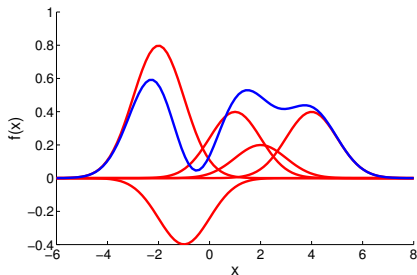




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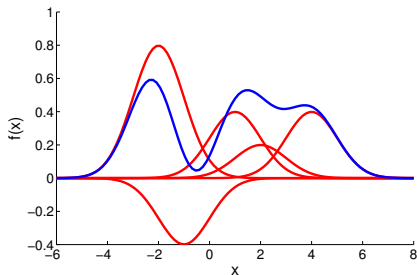
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$$f_{\ell} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \varphi_{\ell}(x_i)$$

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**Finite dimensional RKHS:** one-to-one correspondence between finite dimensional exponential family and RKHS.

- Example: Gaussian kernel,  $T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x & x^2 \end{bmatrix} = \varphi(x)$  and  $k(x, y) = xy + x^2y^2$

## Fitting an infinite dimensional exponential family

Given random samples,  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  drawn i.i.d. from an unknown density,  $p_0 := p_{f_0} \in \mathcal{P}$ , estimate  $p_0$

## How not to do it: maximum likelihood

Maximum likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{ML} &= \arg \max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p_f(X_i) \\ &= \arg \max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) - n \log \int e^{f(x)} q_0(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Solving the above yields that  $f_{ML}$  satisfies

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(x_i) = \int \varphi(x) p_{f_{ML}}(x) dx$$

where  $p_{f_{ML}} = \frac{d\mathbb{P}_{ML}}{dx}$ .

Ill posed for infinite dimensional  $\varphi(x)$ !

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## **Estimation of Non-Normalized Statistical Models by Score Matching**

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Loss is **Fisher Score**:

$$D_F(p_0, p_f) := \frac{1}{2} \int p_0(x) \|\nabla_x \log p_0(x) - \nabla_x \log p_f(x)\|^2 dx$$

## Score matching (general version)

Assuming  $p_f$  to be differentiable (w.r.t.  $x$ ) and  $\int p_0(x) \|\nabla_x \log p_f(x)\|^2 dx < \infty, \forall \theta \in \Theta$

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where partial integration is used in (a) under the condition that

$$p_0(x) \frac{\partial \log p_f(x)}{\partial x_i} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x_i \rightarrow \pm\infty, \forall i = 1, \dots, d$$



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Add extra term  $\lambda \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$  to regularize.

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By representer theorem:

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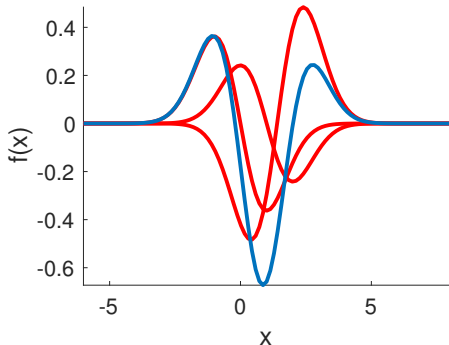
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Need to solve a linear system

$$\beta_n^* = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \left( \underbrace{G_{XX}}_{nd \times nd} + n\lambda I \right)^{-1} h_X$$

Very costly in high dimensions!



# The Nystrom approximation

## Nystrom approach for efficient solution

- Find best estimator  $f_{n,m}^*$  in  $\mathcal{H}_Y := \text{span} \{ \partial_i k(y_a, \cdot) \}_{a \in [m], i \in [d]}$ , where  $y_a \in \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  chosen at random.
- Nystrom solution:

$$\beta_{n,m}^* = - \left( \frac{1}{n} B_{XY}^\top \underbrace{B_{XY}}_{m d \times n d} + \lambda \underbrace{G_{YY}}_{m d \times m d} \right)^\dagger h_Y$$

Solve in time  $\mathcal{O}(n m^2 d^3)$ , evaluate in time  $\mathcal{O}(m d)$ .

- Still cubic in  $d$ , but similar results if we take a random dimension per datapoint.



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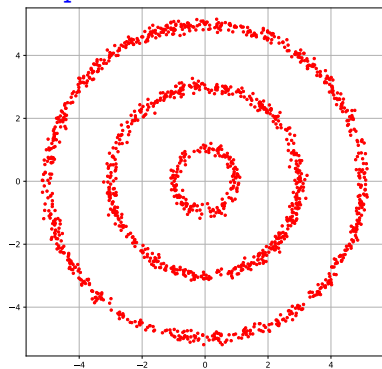
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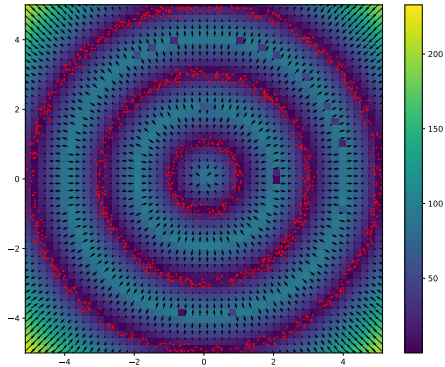
- Full KL original saturates at  $O_{p_0} (n^{-\frac{1}{2}})$
- Nystrom saturates at  $O_{p_0} (n^{-\frac{1}{3}})$

# Experimental results: ring

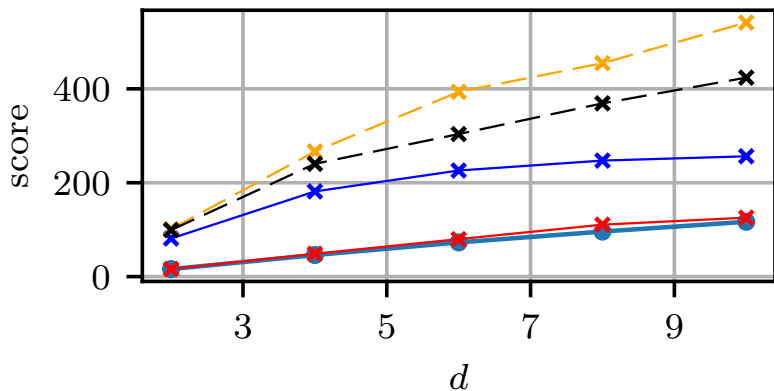
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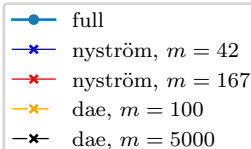


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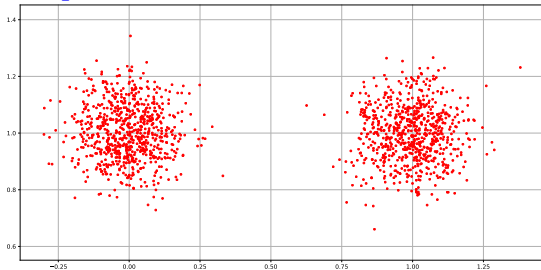
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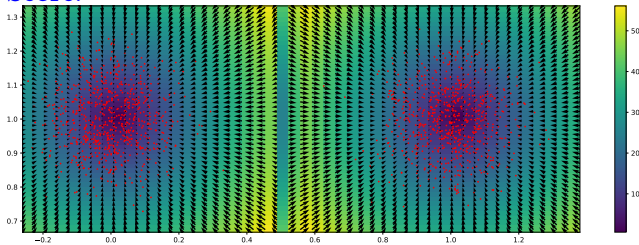


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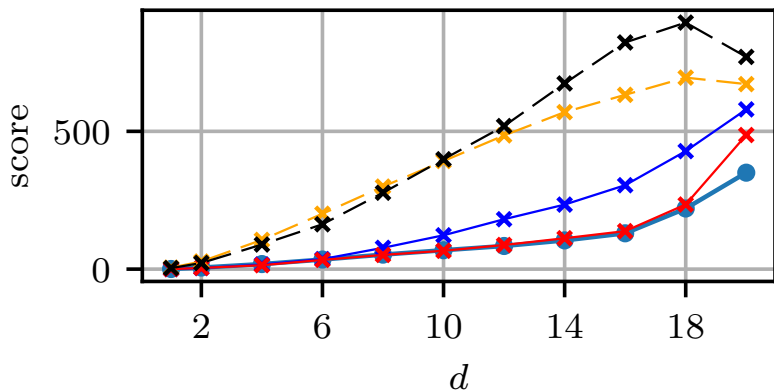
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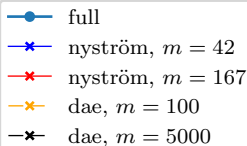


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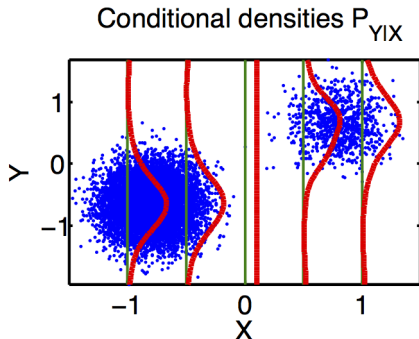


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- Can we take advantage of the graphical structure of  $(X_1, \dots, X_d)$ ?
- Start from a general factorization of  $P$

$$P(X_1, \dots, X_d) = \prod_i P(X_i \mid \underbrace{X_{\pi(i)}}_{\substack{\text{parents} \\ \text{of } X_i}})$$



- Estimate each factor independently

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General definition, kernel conditional exponential family

[Smola and Canu, 2006]

$$p_f(y|x) = e^{\langle f, \psi(x,y) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} - A(f,x)} q_0(y) \quad A(f,x) = \log \int q_0(y) e^{\langle f, \psi(x,y) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}} dy$$

(joint feature map  $\psi(x,y)$ )

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- The feature map  $\psi(x, y) := \Gamma_x \phi(y)$

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$$\tilde{D}_F(p_0, p_f) := \int D_F(p_0(y|x) || p_f(y|x))\pi(x)dx$$

for some  $\pi(x)$  that includes the support of  $p(x)$ .

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$$f_n^*(y|x) = \sum_{b=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^d \beta_{(b,i)} k(X_b, x) \partial_i \mathcal{R}(Y_b, y) + \alpha \hat{\xi}$$

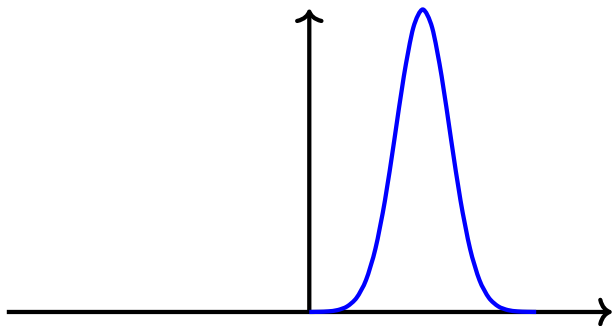
where

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_n^* &= -\frac{1}{\lambda} (G + n\lambda I)^{-1} h \\ (G)_{(a,i),(b,j)} &= k(X_a, X_b) \partial_i \partial_{j+d} \mathcal{R}(Y_a, Y_b),\end{aligned}$$

and  $\langle \phi(y), \phi(y') \rangle_{\mathcal{G}} = \mathcal{R}(y, y')$ .

## Expected conditional score: a failure case

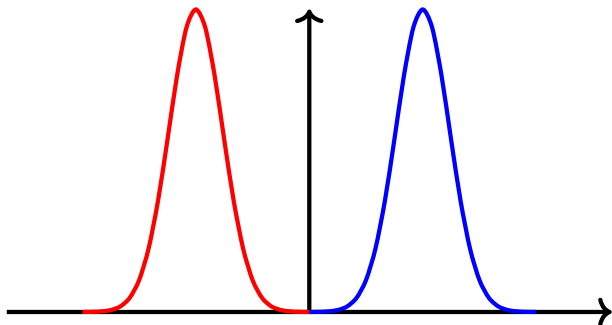
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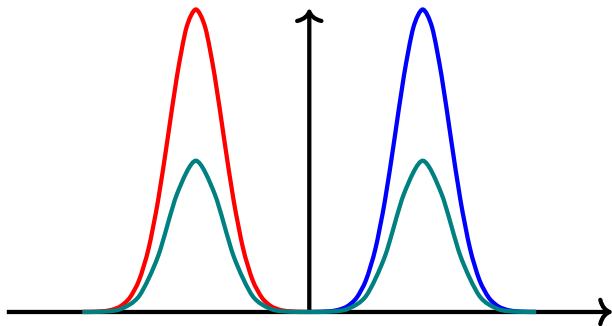
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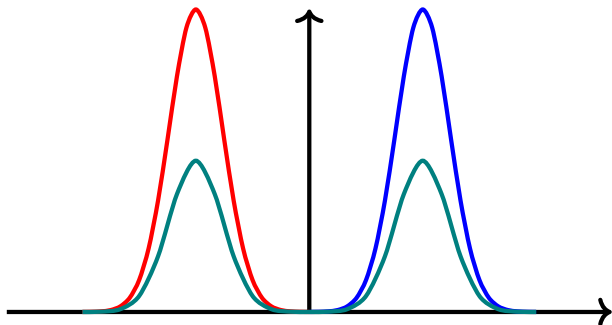
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Model  $p(y)$  puts mass where **target conditional  $p(y|1)$**  has no support.

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Samples	5875	1599

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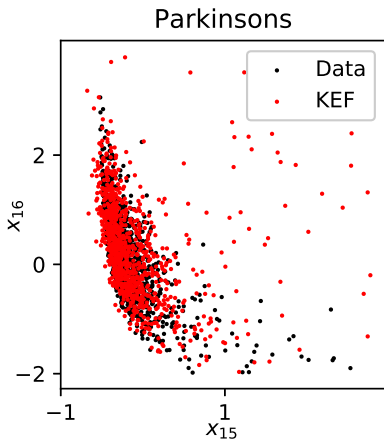
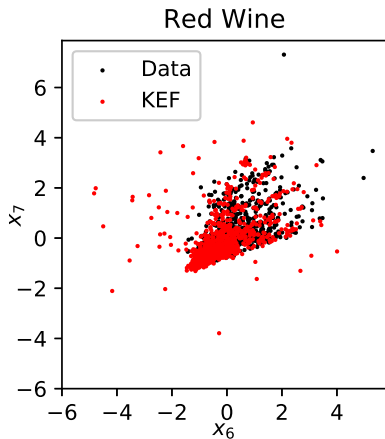
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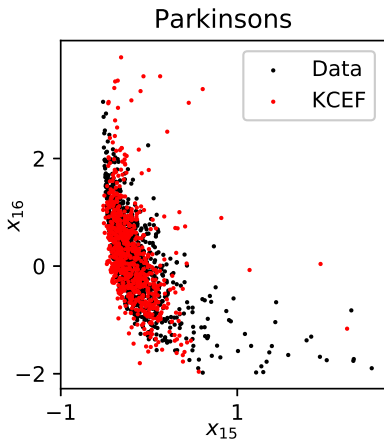
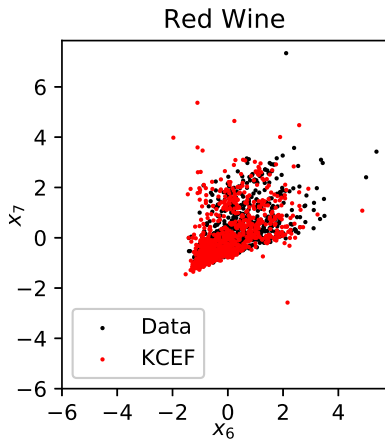
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	Parkinsons	Red wine
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LSCDE	15.89 ± 1.48	14.43 ± 1.5
NADE	3.63 ± 0.0	<b>9.98 ± 0.0</b>

## Results: unconditional model



## Results: conditional model



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Questions?

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