

# Foundations of Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces – Advanced Topics in Machine Learning

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- 1 Concepts from **functional analysis**:
  - normed-, inner product space,
  - convergent-, Cauchy sequence,
  - complete spaces: Banach-, Hilbert space,
  - continuous/bounded linear operators.

## 2 RKHS:

- different views:
  - 1 continuous evaluation functional,
  - 2 reproducing kernel,
  - 3 positive definite function,
  - 4 feature view (kernel).
- equivalence, explicit construction.

# Normed space

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Note:

- norm  $\Rightarrow$  metric:  $d(f, g) = \|f - g\| \Rightarrow$
- study **continuity, convergence**.

# Normed space: examples

- $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$ ,
- $(\mathbb{R}^d, \|\mathbf{x}\|_p = [\sum_i |x_i|^p]^{\frac{1}{p}})$ ,  $1 \leq p$ .
  - $p = 1$ :  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_i |x_i|$  (Manhattan),
  - $p = 2$ :  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_i x_i^2}$  (Euclidean),
  - $p = \infty$ :  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|$  (maximum norm).
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Notes:

- 1, 2  $\Rightarrow$  bilinearity.
- inner product  $\Rightarrow$  norm:  $\|f\| = \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle}$ .
- 1,2,3' ( $\langle f, f \rangle \geq 0$ ) is called **semi-inner product**.

# Inner product space: examples

- $(\mathbb{R}^d, \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_i x_i y_i).$
- $(\mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2}, \langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle_F = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}) = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} B_{ij}).$
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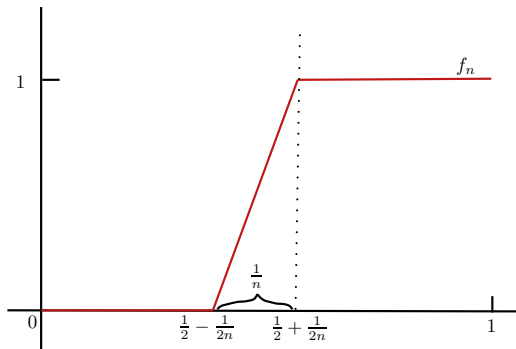
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- **convergent  $\Rightarrow$  Cauchy**:  $\|f_n - f_m\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq \|f_n - f\|_{\mathcal{F}} + \|f - f_m\|_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

# Not every Cauchy sequence converges

Examples:

- $1, 1.4, 1.41, 1.414, 1.4142, \dots$ : Cauchy in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , but  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .
- $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_{L^2[0,1]})$ :



But a Cauchy sequence is bounded.

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- **Hilbert space** = complete inner product space;  $L^2(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ .

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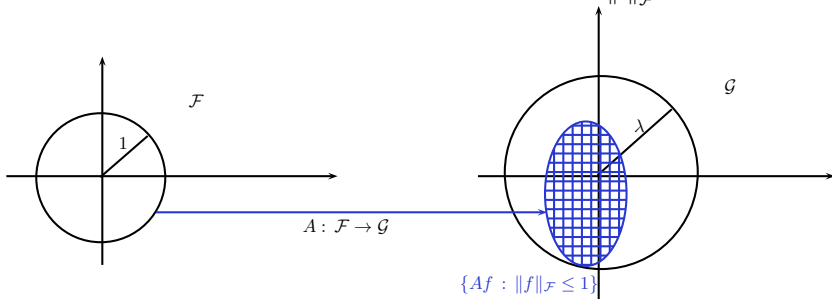
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- **bounded operator**:  $A$  is linear &  $\|A\| = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{\|Af\|_{\mathcal{G}}}{\|f\|_{\mathcal{F}}} < \infty$ .



# Unbounded linear functional: example

$(C^1[0, 1], \|f\|_\infty := \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x)|)$ ,  $A(f) = f'(0) \in \mathbb{R}$ :

- 1  $A$ : linear  $\Leftarrow$  differentiation & evaluation are linear,
- 2  $f_n(x) = e^{-nx}$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ):
  - $\|f_n\|_\infty \leq 1$ , but
  - $|A(f_n)| = |f'_n(0)| = \left| -ne^{-nx} \right|_{x=0} = |-n| = n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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- Let  $A_g(f) := \langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $f, g \in \mathcal{F}$ .
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- Riesz representation ( $\mathcal{F}$ : Hilbert,  $\mathcal{G} = \mathbb{R}$ ):

$$\text{continuous linear functionals} = \{ \langle \cdot, g \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} : g \in \mathcal{F} \}.$$

Let us switch to RKHS-s!

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- Intuition:  $k$  is **inner product** in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

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- This holds by CBS (for the semi-inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_0}$ ):  $\forall x$

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    - $f_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}} f.$

•  $g_n \xrightarrow{\forall x} f$ :

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 \end{aligned}$$

- Finally,  $f_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}} f$ :

$$\|f - f_n\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \|f - g_n\|_{\mathcal{H}} + \|g_n - f_n\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \overbrace{\|f - g_n\|_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\rightarrow 0: \text{shown at } \mathcal{H}_0 \text{ dense in } \mathcal{H}} + \overbrace{\frac{1}{n}}^{g_n \text{ def.}}.$$

# Final property: the reproducing kernel on $\mathcal{H}$ is $k$

- Let  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , and  $f_n \xrightarrow{\forall x} f$   $\mathcal{H}_0$ -Cauchy sequence.
- Then,

$$\langle f, k(\cdot, x) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \stackrel{(a)}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_n, k(\cdot, x) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_0} \stackrel{(b)}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \stackrel{(c)}{=} f(x),$$

where

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We have shown that

- RKHS ( $\delta_x$  continuous)  $\Leftrightarrow$  reproducing kernel  $\Leftrightarrow$  kernel (feature view)  $\Leftrightarrow$  positive definite.

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- *Moore-Aronszajn theorem:*
  - RKHS construction for a  $k$  pos. def. function.
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Thank you for the attention!



# Vector space axioms

$(V, +, \lambda \cdot)$  is vector space if  $[\forall \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v} \in V, a, b \in \mathbb{R}]$ :

$$(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) + \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{v}_1 + (\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3), \text{ (associativity)}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_1, \text{ (commutativity)}$$

$$\exists \mathbf{0} : \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{v},$$

$$\exists -\mathbf{v} : \mathbf{v} + (-\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0},$$

$$a(b\mathbf{v}) = (ab)\mathbf{v},$$

$$1\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v},$$

$$a(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) = a\mathbf{v}_1 + a\mathbf{v}_2,$$

$$(a + b)\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{v}.$$

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## $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_0}$ : inner product

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$$f = 0 \times k(\cdot, x) \Rightarrow \langle f, f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_0} = 0 \times 0 \times k(x, x) = 0.$$

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