

# Beyond Mean Embedding: The Power of Cumulants in RKHSs

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## Question

What are the **weights** in front of the moments?

# Unzipping cumulants on $\mathbb{R}$ : the weights

$m$	elements of $\pi \in P(m)$	$ \pi $	$c_\pi$
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with  $P(m) :=$  all partitions of  $[m]$ ,  $c_\pi = (-1)^{|\pi|-1}(|\pi| - 1)!$

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- 2 Linear: not even characteristic (see MMD and HSIC).
- 3 Computable estimators.

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## Notes

- $k \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \mathcal{H}_k = \overline{\text{Span}(k(\cdot, x) : x \in \mathcal{X})}$ : Fourier analysis, approximation with polynomials, splines, ...
- Examples:  $k_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + c)^p$ ,  $k_G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = e^{-c\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}\|_2^2}$ .
- Kernels exist on various domains!

## Some kernel-enriched domains: $(\mathcal{X}, k)$

- **Strings** [Watkins, 1999, Lodhi et al., 2002, Leslie et al., 2002, Kuang et al., 2004, Leslie and Kuang, 2004, Saigo et al., 2004, Cuturi and Vert, 2005],
- **time series** [Rüping, 2001, Cuturi et al., 2007, Cuturi, 2011, Király and Oberhauser, 2019],
- **trees** [Collins and Duffy, 2001, Kashima and Koyanagi, 2002],
- **groups** and specifically **rankings** [Cuturi et al., 2005, Jiao and Vert, 2016],
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- various **generative models** [Jaakkola and Haussler, 1999, Tsuda et al., 2002, Seeger, 2002, Jebara et al., 2004],
- **fuzzy domains** [Guevara et al., 2017], or
- **graphs** [Kondor and Lafferty, 2002, Gärtner et al., 2003, Kashima et al., 2003, Borgwardt and Kriegel, 2005, Shervashidze et al., 2009, Vishwanathan et al., 2010, Kondor and Pan, 2016, Bai et al., 2020, Borgwardt et al., 2020].

- ① **Flexible** function class: characteristic property, universality.
- ② Still **computationally tractable**:  $\mathbf{G} = [k(x_i, x_j)]_{i,j=1}^n$ .
- ③ Hilbert structure of RKHSs: **statistical analysis**.
- ④ vRKHSs: encodes dependency among output coordinates.

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Idea [Sejdicinovic et al., 2013a], acceleration [Kalinke and Szabó, 2023]

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# Mean embedding, MMD, HSIC: a few applications

- **two-sample testing** [Baringhaus and Franz, 2004, Székely and Rizzo, 2004, Székely and Rizzo, 2005, Borgwardt et al., 2006, Harchaoui et al., 2007, Gretton et al., 2012, Jitkrittum et al., 2016, Schrab et al., 2022, Hagrass et al., 2022], and its **differential private** variant [Raj et al., 2019]; **independence** [Gretton et al., 2008, Pfister et al., 2018, Jitkrittum et al., 2017a, Albert et al., 2022] and **goodness-of-fit testing** [Jitkrittum et al., 2017b, Balasubramanian et al., 2021], **causal discovery** [Mooij et al., 2016, Pfister et al., 2018, Chakraborty and Zhang, 2019, Schölkopf et al., 2021],
- **feature selection** [Camps-Valls et al., 2010, Song et al., 2012, Wang et al., 2022]  $\xrightarrow{\text{app.}}$  **biomarker detection** [Climente-González et al., 2019], **wind power prediction** [Bouche et al., 2023], **clustering** [Song et al., 2007, Climente-González et al., 2019],
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# Distance between kernel variance embeddings

- By our theorem: if  $\gamma = \eta$ , then  $d^{(2)}(\gamma, \eta) = 0$ .
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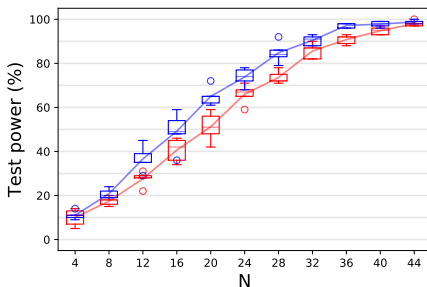
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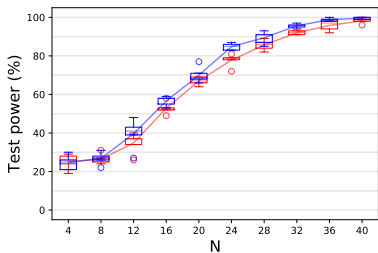
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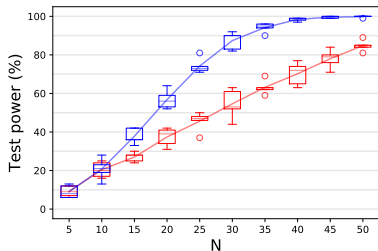
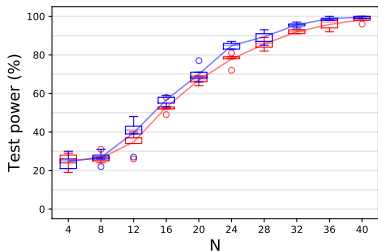
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where  $\deg(\mathbf{i}) := i_1 + \cdots + i_d$ ,  $\mu^0(\gamma) = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{i}! = i_1! \cdots i_d!$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathbf{i}} = \theta_1^{i_1} \cdots \theta_d^{i_d}$ .

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Note: Matrix multiplication takes precedence over the Hadamard one.

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Specifically: for bounded kernel  $(\sup_{x,x' \in \mathcal{X}} k(x,x') < \infty)$  ✓.

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In short

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