

# The Power of Cumulants in Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces

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## Question

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- 1 Various data types, nonlinear features: kernels.
- 2 Linear: not even characteristic (see MMD and HSIC).
- 3 Computable estimators.

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## Notes

- $k \xrightarrow{1:1} \mathcal{H}_k = \overline{\text{Span}(k(\cdot, x) : x \in \mathcal{X})}$ : Fourier analysis, approximation with polynomials, splines, ...
- Examples ( $c \geq 0, p \in \mathbb{N}$ ):  $k_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + c)^p$ ,  
 $k_G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = e^{-c\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}\|_2^2}$ .
- 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],
- **sets** [Haussler, 1999, Gärtner et al., 2002, Balanca and Herbin, 2012, Fellmann et al., 2023], **probability distributions** [Berlinet and Thomas-Agnan, 2004, Hein and Bousquet, 2005, Smola et al., 2007, Sriperumbudur et al., 2010],
- 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, Schulz et al., 2022, Nikolentzos and Vazirgiannis, 2023].

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Idea [Sejdicinovic et al., 2013a]:  $k = k_1 \otimes k_2 \otimes k_3$ ,  $k_m : \mathcal{X}_m \otimes \mathcal{X}_m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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- One could **kernelize** it (analogously to Lancaster interaction, KLI):

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We now return to the meaning of

$\otimes_{j=1}^d k_j$  and  $\otimes_{j=1}^d \mu_{k_j}(\gamma|_{\mathcal{X}_j})$  in HSIC.

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# Mean embedding, MMD, HSIC: a few applications

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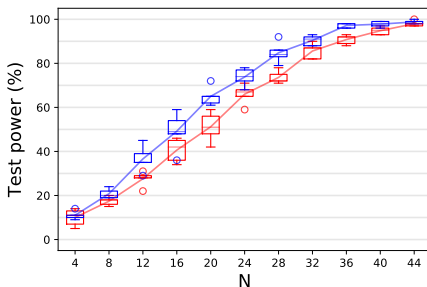
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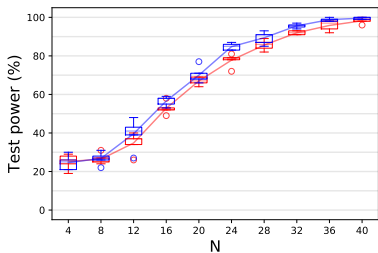
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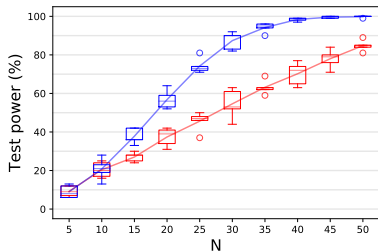
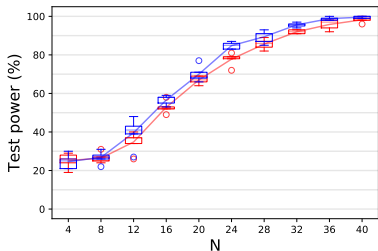
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where  $\deg(\mathbf{i}) := i_1 + \cdots + i_d$ ,  $\mu^0(\gamma) = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{i}! = i_1! \cdots i_d!$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\mathbf{i}} = \theta_1^{i_1} \cdots \theta_d^{i_d}$ .



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Note: Matrix multiplication takes precedence over the Hadamard one.

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$$\mu_k(\gamma) \text{ exists iff. } \int_{\mathcal{X}} \underbrace{\|k(\cdot, x)\|_{\mathcal{H}_k}}_{\sqrt{k(x,x)}} d\gamma(x) < \infty.$$

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

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