

## Final Homework

### Exercise 1. Positive definiteness ( $X = \mathbb{R}^+$ )

- $K_1(x, x') = 2^{x-x'}$  is not positive definite

indeed, take  $x=0, x'=1 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .  $K_1(x, x') = 1/2 \neq 2 = K_1(x', x)$

so  $K_1$  is not symmetric.

- $K_2(x, x') = 2^{x+x'}$  is positive definite.

indeed: -  $\forall x, x' \in X$ ,  $K_2(x, x') = 2^{x+x'} = 2^{x'+x} = K_2(x', x)$

- let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(x_1, \dots, x_N) \in X^N$ ,  $(a_1, \dots, a_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , one has:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N a_i a_j K_2(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N a_i a_j 2^{x_i+x_j} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N a_i 2^{x_i} \right)^2 \geq 0$$

- $K_3(x, x') = 2^{xx'}$  is positive definite

indeed,  $K(x, x') = xx'$  is positive definite (linear kernel in  $\mathbb{R}^+$ )

so  $\ln(2) xx'$  is positive definite and  $e^{\ln(2) xx'} = 2^{xx'}$

is positive definite as an exponential of a positive definite kernel.

- $K_4(x, x') = \log(1+xx')$  is not positive definite

indeed, take  $x_1 = 0,5$  and  $x_2 = 2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $a_1 = -2, a_2 = 1$ , one

$$\text{has } \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^2 a_i a_j K_4(x_i, x_j) = 4 \log\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) + 2(-2) \log(2) + \log(5)$$

$$= 5 \log(5) - 6 \log(4) = \log\left(\frac{3125}{4096}\right) < 0$$

•  $K_5(x, x') = \max(x, x')$  is not positive definite

indeed, take  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1 \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $a_1 = -a_2 = 1$ , one has:

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^2 a_i a_j K_5(x_i, x_j) = 2 a_1 a_2 + a_2^2 = -2 + 1 = -1 < 0$$

•  $K_6(x, x') = \min(f(x)g(x'), f(x')g(x))$  where  $f$  and  $g$  are non-negative functions is positive definite.

indeed, denote by  $\varphi: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} f(x)/g(x) & \text{if } g(x) \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We will prove that  $K_6(x, x') = g(x)g(x') \times \min(\varphi(x), \varphi(x'))$

and prove that the 2 parts of the product are positive definite kernels.

- Let  $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , If  $g(x) = 0$ , then  $K_6(x, x') = 0$  since  $f(x')g(x) = 0$  and  $f(x)g(x') \geq 0$ . Similarly if  $g(x') = 0$ ,  $K_6(x, x') = 0$ . In both cases  $K_6(x, x') = g(x)g(x') \times \min(\varphi(x), \varphi(x'))$

If  $g(x)$  and  $g(x') \neq 0$ ; since  $f(x), g(x), g(x'), f(x') \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \min(f(x)g(x'), f(x')g(x)) &= \min\left(\underbrace{\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{g(x')g(x)}_{\geq 0}, \underbrace{\frac{f(x')}{g(x')}}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{g(x)g(x')}_{\geq 0}\right) \\ &= g(x)g(x') \min(\varphi(x), \varphi(x')) \end{aligned}$$

So  $\forall x, x' \in \mathbb{R}_+, K_6(x, x') = g(x)g(x') \min(\varphi(x), \varphi(x'))$

- Let  $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $g(x)g(x') = \langle g(x), g(x') \rangle_{\mathbb{R}_+}$  so  $g(x)g(x')$  is positive definite (according to Aronszajn theorem for  $\mathbb{R}_+$ )

- We introduce  $\Phi: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$

$$x \mapsto \mathbb{1}_{[0, \varphi(x)]}$$

where  $\mathbb{1}_{[0, \varphi(x)]} =: t \mapsto \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \leq \varphi(x) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Let  $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Since  $\varphi(x), \varphi(x') \geq 0$ , one has

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \Phi(x) = \int_0^{+\infty} \mathbb{1}_{[0, \varphi(x)]} = \varphi(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \min(\varphi(x), \varphi(x')) &= \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi(\min(\varphi(x), \varphi(x'))) = \int_0^{+\infty} \mathbb{1}_{[0, \min(\varphi(x), \varphi(x'))]} \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \mathbb{1}_{[0, \varphi(x)]} \mathbb{1}_{[0, \varphi(x')] } \end{aligned}$$

$$= \langle \Phi(x), \Phi(x') \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)}$$

So  $\min(\varphi(x), \varphi(x'))$  is positive definite according to Aronszajn's theorem for the Hilbert space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .

- Finally, as a product of 2 positive definite kernels,  $K_G$  is positive definite.

## Exercise 2. Kernels encoding equivalence classes

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume  $K$  is p.d.

Let  $x, x', x'' \in X$

•  $K(x, x') = K(x', x)$  so  $\underline{K(x, x') = 1 \Leftrightarrow K(x', x) = 1}$

• if  $K(x, x') = K(x', x'') = 1$  and  $K(x, x'') = 0$ , one

has  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 a_i a_j K(x_i, x_j)$  (where  $x_1 = x, x_2 = x', x_3 = x''$ )

using that  $\left\{ \begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i^2 + 2a_1 a_2 K(x, x') + 2a_2 a_3 K(x', x'') \\ &\quad + 2a_1 a_3 K(x, x'') \end{aligned} \right.$

$K$  is symmetric

and  $K(x, x) = 1 \forall x \in X$   $\quad = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i^2 + 2a_1 a_2 + 2a_2 a_3 + 0$

now, if we choose  $a_1 = a_3 = 1$  and  $a_2 = -1$ , we get

that  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 a_i a_j K(x_i, x_j) = -1 < 0$ , which is absurd

since  $K$  is p.d.

Therefore  $K(x, x') = 1 = K(x', x'') \Rightarrow K(x, x'') = 1$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $\forall x, x', x'' \in X$  :  $\begin{matrix} (1) & K(x, x') = 1 \Leftrightarrow K(x', x) = 1 \\ (2) & K(x, x') = K(x', x'') = 1 \Rightarrow K(x, x'') = 1 \end{matrix}$

- Let  $x, x' \in X$

if  $K(x, x') = 1$  then  $K(x', x) = 1$  according to (1), so

$$K(x, x') = K(x', x)$$

if  $K(x, x') = 0$ , then we rewrite (1) as

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow (K(x, x') \neq 1 \Leftrightarrow K(x', x) \neq 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (K(x, x') = 0 \Leftrightarrow K(x', x) = 0)$$

$$\text{so } K(x', x) = 0 \Rightarrow K(x, x') = K(x', x)$$

therefore in all cases,  $K(x, x') = K(x', x)$

- Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(x_1, \dots, x_N) \in X^N$ ,  $(a_1, \dots, a_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N$

For  $x_i, x_j \in X^N$  we note  $x_i \sim x_j$  if  $K(x_i, x_j) = 1$   
and  $x_i \not\sim x_j$  otherwise

Let  $x, x', x'' \in \{x_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , we have that:

- $K(x, x) = 1$  so  $x \sim x$

- $K(x, x') = 1 \Leftrightarrow K(x', x) = 1$  so  $x \sim x' \Leftrightarrow x' \sim x$

- $K(x, x') = K(x', x'') = 1 \Rightarrow K(x, x'') = 1$  so  $x \sim x'$ ,  $x' \sim x'' \Rightarrow x \sim x''$

So  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation (reflexive, symmetric and transitive). Therefore, we know that  $\sim$  partitions the set  $\{x_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  (with the set of all equivalent classes of  $\{x_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ). We note  $k$  the cardinal of this partition and  $[1], \dots, [k]$  the  $k$  equivalence classes.

One has:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j K(x_i, x_j) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n a_i a_j = \sum_{\ell=1}^k \sum_{i \in \ell} \sum_{j \in \ell} a_i a_j \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^k \left( \sum_{i \in \ell} a_i \right)^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

So K is p.d.

We have proven: K is p.d.  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\left( \begin{array}{l} \forall x, x', x'' \in X \quad K(x, x') = 1 \Leftrightarrow K(x', x) = 1 \\ \text{and } K(x, x') = K(x', x'') = 1 \Rightarrow K(x, x'') = 1 \end{array} \right)$

### Exercise 3. Kernel mean embedding

1. Let  $T$  the linear operator  $Tf = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [f(x)] \in \mathbb{R}$

We have  $|\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [f(x)]| \leq \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [|f(x)|]$  using Jensen's inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } |\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [f(x)]| &\leq \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [\langle f, K_x \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}] \quad (\text{reproducing prop}) \\ &\leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [\|K_x\|_{\mathcal{H}}] \quad (\text{Cauchy Schwarz}) \\ &\leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [\sqrt{K(x, x)}]}_{< \infty \text{ because } K \text{ is bounded}} \end{aligned}$$

The Riesz representation theorem can be applied since  $T$  is bounded and we have that there exists a unique  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $Tf = \langle f, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [f(x)] = \langle f, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}, \forall f \in \mathcal{H}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } y \in X, \text{ and choose } f = K_y \quad h(y) &= \langle h, K_y \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} [K_y(x)] \\ &= \mu(P)(y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\mu(P) = h \in \mathcal{H}$  . . .

We have proven that  $\mu(P)$  is in  $\mathcal{H}$  and that  $\mathbb{E}_{X \sim P}[f(X)] = \langle f, \mu(P) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$  for any  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ .

2. We note  $\mathcal{F} = \{f \in \mathcal{H} : \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq 1\}$ . We will show that  $\mathbb{E}_S[\| \mu(P) - \mu(P_S) \|_{\mathcal{H}}] \leq 2 \text{Rad}_m(\mathcal{F})$  where  $\text{Rad}_m(\mathcal{F})$  is the Rademacher complexity of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

• First, for  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  we can write  $\|h\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \langle f, h \rangle$

(using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the fact that for  $h \neq 0$   $\langle h/\|h\|, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \|h\|_{\mathcal{H}}$ )

• So  $\mathbb{E}_S[\| \mu(P) - \mu(P_S) \|_{\mathcal{H}}] = \mathbb{E}_S\left[\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \langle f, \mu(P) - \mu(P_S) \rangle\right]$

We note this  
quantity

• We have that  $\mu(P) = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P}[K_X(\cdot)]$

and  $\mu(P_S) = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P_S}[K_X(\cdot)] = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{P}(X=x_i) K_{x_i}(\cdot) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m K_{x_i}(\cdot)$

Let  $S'$  another iid sample  $(x'_1, \dots, x'_m)$

$\mathbb{E}_{S'}[\mu(P_{S'})] = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mu(P) = \mu(P)$  (\*) using the linearity of  $\mathbb{E}_{S'}$  and  $\mathbb{E}_{S'} K_{x_i}(\cdot) = \mu(P)$ .

Therefore we can write  $\mathbb{E}_S[\sup \langle f, \mu(P) - \mu(P_S) \rangle] = \mathbb{E}_S[\sup \langle f, \mathbb{E}_{S'}(\mu(P_{S'})) - \mu(P_S) \rangle] \leq \mathbb{E}_{S, S'}[\sup \langle f, \mu(P_{S'}) - \mu(P_S) \rangle]$

(using the fact that the expectation of the supremum is

bigger than the supremum of the expectation)

- the question 3 (that will be proven without using question 2) gives us that:

$$L \leq \mathbb{E}_{S, S'} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i') - f(x_i) \right\} \right]$$

- Let  $i \in [m]$  and  $\sigma_i$  a Rademacher variable ( $\sigma_i = 1$  with probability  $1/2$  and  $\sigma_i = -1$  with same probability), one has:

$$\mathbb{E}_{S, S', \sigma_i} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left\{ \sigma_i (f(x_i') - f(x_i)) + \sum_{j \neq i} (f(x_j') - f(x_j)) \right\} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{S, S'} \left[ \sup_f \left\{ f(x_i') - f(x_i) + \sum_{j \neq i} (f(x_j') - f(x_j)) \right\} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{S, S'} \left[ \sup_f \left\{ \underbrace{f(x_i) - f(x_i')} + \sum_{j \neq i} (f(x_j') - f(x_j)) \right\} \right]$$

$x_i$  and  $x_i'$  are iid therefore, when averaging, we retrieve the same result as with  $f(x_i') - f(x_i)$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{S, S'} \left[ \sup_f \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_j') - f(x_j) \right\} \right]$$

We can repeat this operation for  $i=1, \dots, m$  and we

$$\text{get: } \mathbb{E}_{S, S'} \left[ \sup_f \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i') - f(x_i) \right\} \right] = \mathbb{E}_{S, S', \sigma} \left[ \sup_f \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i (f(x_i') - f(x_i)) \right\} \right]$$

- Then by triangular inequality

$$\underline{L} \leq \mathbb{E}_{S, S', \sigma} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i f(x_i') \right\} + \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m -\sigma_i f(x_i) \right\} \right]$$

$$\leq \mathbb{E}_{S, S', \sigma} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i f(x_i') \right\} + \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i f(x_i) \right\} \right]$$

$$\leq \mathbb{E}_{S, \sigma} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i f(x_i) \right\} \right] + \mathbb{E}_{S', \sigma} \left[ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i f(x'_i) \right\} \right]$$

$$= \underline{2 \text{ Rad}_m(\mathcal{F})}$$

Then, using the capacity control of RKHS ball theorem, we know that  $\underline{\text{Rad}_m(\mathcal{F})} \leq \frac{2 \sqrt{\mathbb{E} K(x, x)}}{\sqrt{m}}$

$$\underline{\text{Finally, } \mathbb{E}_S [\|\mu(P) - \mu(P_S)\|_{\mathcal{H}}]} \leq \frac{4 \sqrt{\mathbb{E} K(x, x)}}{\sqrt{m}}$$

3. One has  $\|\mu(P_{S_1}) - \mu(P_{S_2})\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \sup_{\substack{f \in \mathcal{H} \\ \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq 1}} \langle f, \mu(P_{S_1}) - \mu(P_{S_2}) \rangle$

(same as in question 2)

$$\text{Therefore, } \text{MMD}(S_1, S_2) = \left( \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq 1} \left\{ \langle f, \mu(P_{S_1}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} - \langle f, \mu(P_{S_2}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \right\} \right)^2$$

$$= \left( \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq 1} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_{S_1}} (f(x)) - \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_{S_2}} (f(x)) \right\} \right)^2$$

$$= \left( \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq 1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{P}(X=x_i) f(x_i) - \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbb{P}(X=y_j) f(y_j) \right\} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{MMD}(S_1, S_2) = \left( \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq 1} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m f(y_j) \right\} \right)^2}$$

and since  $f(x) = \langle f, K_{x(\cdot)} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$

$$\text{MMD}(S_1, S_2) = \left( \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq 1} \left\langle f, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m K_{x_i(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m K_{y_j(\cdot)} \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \right)^2$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } \text{MMD}(S_1, S_2) &= \left\| \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m K(x_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m K(y_j) \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\
 &= \left\langle \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m K(x_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m K(y_j), \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m K(x_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m K(y_j) \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m K(x_i, x_j) - \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m K(y_i, y_j) - \frac{2}{mm} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m K(x_i, y_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

4.  $X = \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $K(x, y) = e^{-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

Let  $S_1 = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  and  $S_2 = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$

- Consider  $\sigma_1 \leq \sigma_2$  and their associated Gaussian kernels  $K_1, K_2$ .  $K_1$ 's RKHS is  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \{f : \int |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 e^{\sigma_1^2 \omega^2 / 2} d\omega < \infty\}$  according to the results on shift invariant kernels (slide 314), and the same holds for  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , but for  $\sigma_2$ .

Moreover,  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_1}^2 = \int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 e^{\sigma_1^2 \omega^2 / 2} d\omega$  (same for  $\mathcal{H}_2$ )

- Now let  $f \in \mathcal{H}_2$  such that  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_2} \leq 1$

One has  $\sigma_1 < \sigma_2$  so  $\forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$ :

$$0 \leq e^{\sigma_1^2 \omega^2 / 2} \leq e^{\sigma_2^2 \omega^2 / 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 e^{\sigma_1^2 \omega^2 / 2} \leq |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 e^{\sigma_2^2 \omega^2 / 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 e^{\sigma_1^2 \omega^2 / 2} d\omega \leq \int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 e^{\sigma_2^2 \omega^2 / 2} d\omega$$

Therefore  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_1} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_2} \leq 1$ , so  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_2} \leq 1 \Rightarrow \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_1} \leq 1$

- Combining this to question 3, we get that:

$$\text{MMD}_{\sigma_1}(S_1, S_2) = \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_1} \leq 1} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m f(y_j) \right\}$$

$$\geq \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_2} \leq 1} \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m f(y_j) \right\} = \text{MMD}_{\sigma_2}(S_1, S_2)$$

- So MMD is a decreasing function of  $\sigma$

## Exercise 4. Properties of the dot-product kernel

1. - Let  $x, x' \in X = S^{p-1}$ .  $K_1(x, x') = K(\langle x, x' \rangle) = K(\langle x', x \rangle) = K_1(x', x)$

- Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(x_1, \dots, x_N) \in X^N$ ,  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , one has:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j K_1(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k \langle x_i, x_j \rangle^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle x_i, x_j \rangle^k}_{\geq 0}$$

$\geq 0$  since  $K(x, x') = \langle x, x' \rangle^k$  is p.d.

(polynomial kernel)

$\geq 0$  if  $a_k \geq 0$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Therefore if all coefficients  $a_i$  are non negative, then

$K_1$  is p.d.

2. - Let  $x, x' \in X$ .  $K_2(x, x') = \begin{cases} \|x\| \|x'\| K(\langle x, x' \rangle / (\|x\| \|x'\|)) & \text{if } \|x\| \|x'\| \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$= \begin{cases} \|x'\| \|x\| K(\langle x', x \rangle / (\|x'\| \|x\|)) & \text{if } \|x\| \|x'\| \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= K_2(x', x)$$

- Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(x_1, \dots, x_N) \in X^N$ ,  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , one has:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j K_2(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j \|x_i\| \|x_j\| \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k \frac{\langle x_i, x_j \rangle^k}{\|x_i\|^k \|x_j\|^k}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \underbrace{\alpha_i \|x_i\|}_{\in \mathbb{R}} \underbrace{\alpha_j \|x_j\|}_{\in \mathbb{R}} K_1\left(\underbrace{\frac{x_i}{\|x_i\|}}_{\in X}, \underbrace{\frac{x_j}{\|x_j\|}}_{\in X}\right) \geq 0$$

$\geq 0$  since  $K_1$  is p.d.

Therefore if  $K_1$  is p.d. so is  $K_2$

3. Let  $x, x' \in S^{p-1}$  one has:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi(x) - \varphi(x')\|_H^2 &= \langle \varphi(x) - \varphi(x'), \varphi(x) - \varphi(x') \rangle \\ &= \langle \varphi(x), \varphi(x) \rangle + \langle \varphi(x'), \varphi(x') \rangle - 2\langle \varphi(x), \varphi(x') \rangle \\ &= K_1(x, x) + K_1(x', x') - 2K_1(x, x') \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k [\langle x, x \rangle^k + \langle x', x' \rangle^k - 2\langle x, x' \rangle^k] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k [2(1 - \langle x, x' \rangle^k)] \end{aligned}$$

using  $2 - 2\langle x, x' \rangle = \|x\|^2 + \|x'\|^2 - 2\langle x, x' \rangle = \|x - x'\|^2$   
 $(\|x\| = \|x'\| = 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k \left[ 2(1 - \langle x, x' \rangle) \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \langle x', x \rangle^i}_{=0 \text{ if } k=0} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k \|x - x'\|^2 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \langle x', x \rangle^i \\ &\leq \|x - x'\|^2 \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k k}_{=K'(1) = 1} \end{aligned}$$

because Cauchy-Schwarz inequality gives  $\langle x', x \rangle \leq 1$

$$\leq \|x - x'\|^2$$

Therefore,  $\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(x')\|_H \leq \|x - x'\|$

4. Let  $x, y \in S^{p-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(x, y) &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k \langle x, y \rangle^k = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k \text{tr} \{ (x^T y)^k \} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k \text{tr} \{ x^{\otimes k}, y^{\otimes k} \} = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k \langle x^{\otimes k}, y^{\otimes k} \rangle_F \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^p x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k} y_{i_1} \dots y_{i_k} a_k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^p \sqrt{a_k} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k} \sqrt{a_k} y_{i_1} \dots y_{i_k} \end{aligned}$$

Then we can reorder the elements of the sum to obtain

$$K_1(x, y) = \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} \phi_{k'}(x) \phi_{k'}(y)$$

Where  $\phi_{k'}(x) = \sqrt{a_k} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k}$  for  $k, i_1, \dots, i_k$  defined as

•  $k' \in \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} p^i, \sum_{i=0}^k p^i \right]$  i.e., for  $p > 1$ ,

$$\frac{1-p^k}{1-p} \leq k' \leq \frac{1-p^{k+1}}{1-p} \Leftrightarrow p^k \leq 1 - k'(1-p) < p^{k+1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k \leq \frac{\ln(1+k'(p-1))}{\ln(p)} < k+1 \Leftrightarrow k = \left\lfloor \frac{\ln(1+k'(p-1))}{\ln(p)} \right\rfloor$$

•  $i_1 = 1 + \left( k' - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} p^i \right) // p^{k-1}$

$i_2 = 1 + \left[ \left( k' - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} p^i \right) \% p^{k-1} \right] // p^{k-2}$

$i_k = 1 + \left[ \left[ \left( k' - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} p^i \right) \% p^{k-1} \right] \% p^{k-2} \right] // p^{k-k}$

Therefore, define  $\psi: S^{p-1} \rightarrow \ell^2$

$$x \mapsto (\phi_k(x))_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

we have  $K_1(x, y) = \langle \psi(x), \psi(y) \rangle_{\ell^2}$  for any  $x, y$  in  $S^{p-1}$   
 (well defined on  $S^{p-1}$  because  $\sum_k (\phi_k(x))^2 = K_1(x, x) < +\infty$ )

so  $\phi_k \in \ell^2$  for any  $k$ )

5. Let  $(wz)$  be defined as  $(wz)_k = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a_k = 0 \\ \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{a_k}} z_{i_1} \dots z_{i_k} & \text{where } k \end{cases}$

and  $i_1, \dots, i_k$  are defined as in 4.

Assume that  $b_k = 0$  for any  $k$  such that  $a_k = 0$   
and that  $\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{b_k^2}{a_k} < +\infty$  (with  $b_k^2/a_k = 0$  if  $a_k = 0$ )

One has:

$$\begin{aligned} g_z(z) &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} b_k \langle z, z \rangle^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} b_k \langle z^{\otimes k}, z^{\otimes k} \rangle \quad (\text{see 4.}) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} b_k \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^p z_{i_1} \dots z_{i_k} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k} \quad \text{since } a_k = 0 \Rightarrow b_k = 0 \\ &= \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ a_k \neq 0}}^{+\infty} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^p \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{a_k}} z_{i_1} \dots z_{i_k} \sqrt{a_k} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k} + \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ a_k = 0}}^{+\infty} 0 \\ &= \langle \psi(z), wz \rangle_{\ell_2} \end{aligned}$$

and  $wz \in \ell_2$  because  $\langle wz, wz \rangle_{\ell_2} = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{b_k^2}{a_k} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^p (z_{i_1} \dots z_{i_k})^2$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{b_k^2}{a_k} \underbrace{\langle z, z \rangle^k}_{=1} < +\infty$$

Therefore with the previous assumptions,  $\exists wz \in \ell_2$ ,  $g_z(w) = \langle w, \psi(z) \rangle_{\ell_2}$   
so  $g_z \in \mathcal{H}$

Finally,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_k = 0 \Rightarrow b_k = 0 \text{ for any } k \in \mathbb{N} \\ \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{b_k^2}{a_k} < +\infty \end{array} \right.$  are sufficient conditions for  $g_z$  to be in  $\mathcal{H}$