
Reproducing Kernel Exponential Manifold: Estimation and Geometry

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Introduction

Maximal Exponential Manifold

■ Maximal exponential manifold (P&S'95)

- A Banach manifold is defined so that the cumulant generating function is well-defined on a neighborhood of each probability density.

$$f_u = \exp(u - \Psi_f(u))f, \quad \Psi_f(u) = \log E_f[e^u] < \infty$$

- Orlicz space $L_{\cosh-1}(f) = \{u \mid \exists \alpha > 0 \text{ s.t. } E_f[e^{\alpha u}] < \infty \text{ and } E_f[e^{-\alpha u}] < \infty\}$

This space is (perhaps) the most general to guarantee the finiteness of the cumulant generating functions around a point.

Estimation with Data

■ Estimation with a finite sample

- A finite dimensional exponential family is suitable for the **maximum likelihood estimation (MLE)** with a finite sample.

$$X_1, \dots, X_n : \text{i.i.d.} \sim f_0 \mu \qquad \mathbf{X}_n = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

MLE: θ that maximizes

$$\ell_n(\theta; \mathbf{X}_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{a=1}^m \theta^a u_a(X_i) - \Psi(\theta) \right\}$$

- Is MLE extendable to the maximal exponential manifold?

$$\ell_n(u; \mathbf{X}_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ u(X_i) - \Psi_f(u) \right\}$$

- ➔ But, the function value $u(X_i)$ is **not** a continuous functional on u in the exponential manifold.

Reproducing kernel exponential manifold

Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space

■ Reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS)

- Ω : set. A Hilbert space \mathcal{H} consisting of functions on Ω is called a **reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS)** if the evaluation functional

$$e_x : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, \quad f \mapsto f(x)$$

is continuous for each $x \in \Omega$.

- A Hilbert space \mathcal{H} consisting of functions on Ω is a RKHS if and only if there exists $k(\cdot, x) \in \mathcal{H}$ (**reproducing kernel**) such that

$$\langle k(\cdot, x), f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = f(x) \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{H}, \quad x \in \Omega.$$

(by Riesz's lemma)

Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space II

■ Positive definite kernel and RKHS

A symmetric kernel $k: \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is said to be **positive definite**, if for any $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \Omega$ and $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n c_i c_j k(x_i, x_j) \geq 0,$$

Theorem (construction of RKHS)

If $k: \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is positive definite, there uniquely exists a RKHS \mathcal{H}_k on Ω such that

- (1) $k(\cdot, x) \in \mathcal{H}$ for all $x \in \Omega$,
- (2) the linear hull of $\{k(\cdot, x) \mid x \in \Omega\}$ is dense in \mathcal{H}_k ,
- (3) $k(\cdot, x)$ is a **reproducing kernel** of \mathcal{H}_k , i.e.,

$$\langle k(\cdot, x), f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k} = f(x) \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{H}_k, x \in \Omega.$$

Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space III

■ Some properties

- If the pos. def. kernel k is of C^r , so is every function in \mathcal{H}_k .
- If the pos. def. kernel k is bounded, so is every function in \mathcal{H}_k .

■ Examples: positive definite kernels on \mathbf{R}^m

- Euclidean inner product

$$k(x, y) = x^T y \quad \mathcal{H}_k \cong \mathbf{R}^m$$

- Gaussian RBF kernel

$$k(x, y) = \exp\left(-\|x - y\|^2 / \sigma^2\right) \quad \dim \mathcal{H}_k = \infty$$

- Polynomial kernel

$$k(x, y) = (x^T y + c)^d \quad (c \geq 0, d \in \mathbf{N}) \quad \mathcal{H}_k = \{\text{polyn. deg} \leq d\}$$

Exponential Manifold by RKHS

■ Definitions

Ω : topological space. μ : Borel probability measure on Ω s.t. $\text{supp } \mu = \Omega$.

k : continuous pos. def. kernel on Ω such that \mathcal{H}_k contains 1 (constants).

$$M_\mu(k) := \left\{ f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \mid f : \text{continuous}, f(x) > 0 (\forall x \in \Omega), \int f d\mu = 1, \right. \\ \left. \exists \delta > 0, \int e^{\delta \sqrt{k(x,x)}} f(x) d\mu(x) < \infty \right\}$$

$M_\mu(k)$ is provided with a Hilbert manifold structure.

Note: If $\|u\| < \delta$, $E_f[e^{u(X)}] = E_f[e^{\langle u, k(\cdot, X) \rangle}] \leq E_f[e^{\|u\| \sqrt{k(X,X)}}] < \infty$.

□ Tangent space

$$T_f := \left\{ u \in \mathcal{H}_k \mid E_f[u(X)] = 0 \right\} \quad \text{closed subspace of } \mathcal{H}_k$$

Exponential Manifold by RKHS II

■ Local coordinate

For $f \in M_\mu(k)$, $W_f := \left\{ u \in T_f \mid \exists \delta > 0, E_f[e^{u(X) + \delta \sqrt{k(X,X)}}] < \infty \right\} \subset T_f$

Then, for any $u \in W_f$

$$f_u := \exp(u - \Psi_f(u))f \in M_\mu(k).$$

Define

$$\xi_f : W_f \rightarrow M_\mu(k), \quad u \mapsto f_u \quad (\text{one-to-one}) \quad \mathcal{E}_f := \xi_f(W_f)$$

$$\varphi_f : S_f \rightarrow W_f, \quad \varphi_f = \xi_f^{-1} \rightarrow \text{works as a local coordinate}$$

Lemma

- (1) W_f is an open subset of T_f .
- (2) $g \in \mathcal{E}_f \iff \mathcal{E}_f = \mathcal{E}_g$.

Exponential Manifold by RKHS III

■ Reproducing Kernel Exponential Manifold (RKEM)

Theorem. The system $\{(E_f, \varphi_f)\}_{f \in M_\mu(k)}$ is a C^∞ -atlas of $M_\mu(k)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{coordinate} \quad \varphi_g \circ \varphi_f^{-1}(u) &= \log \frac{\exp(u - \Psi_f(u))f}{g} - E_g \left[\log \frac{\exp(u - \Psi_f(u))f}{g} \right] \\ \text{transform} \quad &= u + \log \frac{f}{g} - E_g \left[u + \log \frac{f}{g} \right] \end{aligned}$$

□ A structure of Hilbert manifold is defined on $M_\mu(k)$ with Riemannian metric $E_f[uv]$.

□ Likelihood functional is continuous.

□ The function $u(x)$ is decoupled in the inner product $\langle u, k(\cdot, x) \rangle$

u : natural coordinate, $k(\cdot, x)$: sufficient statistics

□ The manifold depends on the choice of k .

e.g. $\Omega = \mathbf{R}$, $\mu = N(0,1)$, $k(x,y) = (xy+1)^2$. $\rightarrow \mathcal{H}_k = \{\text{polyn. deg} \leq 2\}$

$M_\mu(k) = \{N(m, \sigma) \mid m \in \mathbf{R}, \sigma > 0\}$: the normal distributions. 12

Mean parameter of RKEM

■ Mean parameter

- For any $f \in M_\mu(k)$, there uniquely exists $m_f \in \mathcal{H}_k$ such that

$$E_f[u(X)] = \langle u, m_f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k} \quad \text{for all } u \in \mathcal{H}_k.$$

- The mean parameter does not necessarily give a coordinate, as in the case of the maximal exponential manifold.

■ Empirical mean parameter

- X_1, \dots, X_n : i.i.d. sample $\sim f\mu$.

Empirical mean parameter: $\hat{m}_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n k(\cdot, X_i)$

Fact 1. $\langle \hat{m}_n, f \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) \quad (\forall f \in \mathcal{H}_k)$

Fact 2. $\|\hat{m}_n - m_f\|_{\mathcal{H}_k} = O_p(1/\sqrt{n}) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$

Applications of RKEM

- Maximum likelihood estimation (IGAIA2005)
 - Maximum likelihood estimation with regularization is possible.
 - The consistency of the estimator is proved.

- **Statistical asymptotic theory of singular models**
 - There are examples of statistical model which is a submodel of an infinite dimensional exponential family, but not embeddable into a finite dimensional exponential family.
 - For a submodel of RKEM, developing asymptotic theory of the maximum likelihood estimator is easy.

- Geometry of RKEM
 - Dual (± 1) connections can be introduced on the tangent bundle in some cases.

Statistical asymptotic theory of singular models

Singular Submodel of exponential family

■ Standard asymptotic theory

Statistical model $\{f(x; \theta) \mid \theta \in \Theta\}$ on a measure space $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$.

Θ : (finite dimensional) manifold.

“True” density: $f_0(x) = f(x; \theta_0)$ ($\theta_0 \in \Theta$) X_1, \dots, X_n : i.i.d. $\sim f_0 \mu$

Maximum likelihood estimator (MLE)

$$\hat{\theta}_n = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \log f(X_i; \theta)$$

Under some regularity conditions,

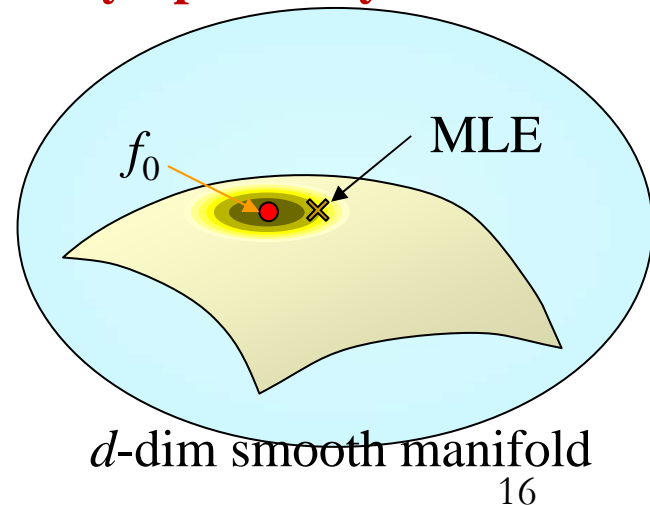
$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \Rightarrow N(0, I(\theta_0)^{-1}) \text{ in law } (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

Likelihood ratio

$$2\ell_n(\hat{\theta}_n) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{f(X_i; \hat{\theta}_n)}{f(X_i; \theta_0)} \Rightarrow \chi_d^2$$

in law $(n \rightarrow \infty)$

Asymptotically normal



Singular Submodel of exponential family II

■ Singular submodel in ordinary exponential family

Finite dimensional exponential family $M : f(x; \theta) = \exp(\theta^T u(x) - \Psi(\theta))$

Submodel $S = \{f(x; \theta) \in M \mid \theta \in \Theta_S\}$ ($\theta \in \Theta$)

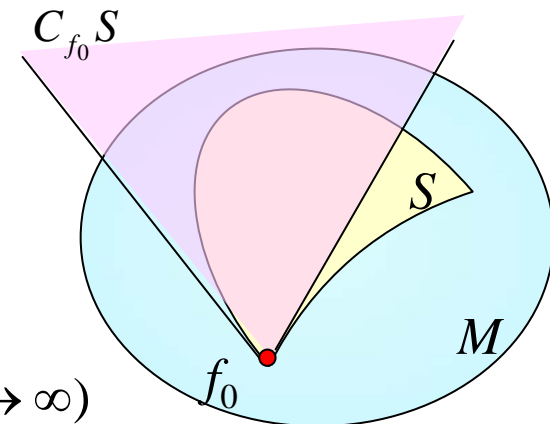
Tangent cone:

$$C_{f_0} S = \{\xi^T u(x) \in T_{f_0} M \mid \exists \{\theta_n\} \subset \Theta_S, \exists \lambda_n > 0 \text{ s.t. } \lambda_n (\theta_n - \theta_0) \rightarrow \xi \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)\}$$

Under some regularity conditions,

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_n(\hat{\theta}_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{f(X_i; \hat{\theta}_n)}{f(X_i; \theta_0)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sup_{\xi^T u \in C_{f_0} S, E_{f_0} |\xi^T u|^2 = 1} \left\{ \xi^T \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n u(X_i) \right) \right\}^2 + o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

projection of empirical
($n \rightarrow \infty$)
mean parameter



More explicit formula can be derived in some cases.

Singular submodel in RKEM

- Submodel of an infinite dimensional exponential family
 - There are some models, which are not embeddable into a finite dimensional exponential family, but can be embedded into an infinite dimensional RKEM.

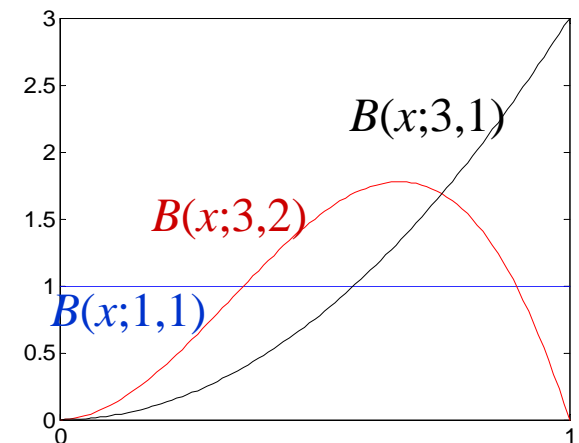
- Example:

Mixture of Beta distributions (on $[0,1]$)

$$f(x; \alpha, \beta) = \alpha B(x; \beta, 1) + (1 - \alpha)B(x; 1, 1),$$

where $B(x; \beta, \gamma) = \frac{\Gamma(\beta+\gamma)}{\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(\gamma)} x^{\beta-1} (1-x)^{\gamma-1}$

- Singularity at $f_0(x) = f(x; 0, \beta) = B(x; 1, 1)$
 β is not identifiable.



Singular submodel in RKEM II

- $\mathcal{H}_k =$ Sobolev space $H^1(0,1)$

$$k(x, y) = \exp(-|x - y|), \quad \|u\|_{H_k}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(u(0)^2 + u(1)^2) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (|u'(x)|^2 + |u(x)|^2) dx$$

Fact: $\log f(x; \alpha, \beta) \in H^1(0,1)$ for $0 \leq \alpha < 1, \beta > 3/2$.

- Submodel of \mathcal{E}_{f_0}

$$u_{\alpha, \beta}(x) := \log f(x; \alpha, \beta) - E_{f_0}[\log f(x; \alpha, \beta)]$$

$$S = \{f(\cdot; \alpha, \beta) = \exp(u_{\alpha, \beta} - \Psi_f(u_{\alpha, \beta}))f_0 \mid 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \beta > 3/2\}$$

➡ S is a submodel of \mathcal{E}_{f_0} , and f_0 is a singularity of S .

- Tangent cone at f_0 is not finite dimensional.

$$\frac{\log f(\cdot; \alpha, \beta)}{\alpha} \rightarrow w_\beta := \beta x^{\beta-1} - 1 \quad (\alpha \downarrow 0) \text{ in } H^1(0,1)$$

Singular submodel in RKEM III

■ General theory of singular submodel

$M_\mu(k)$: RKEM. $f \in M_\mu(k)$,

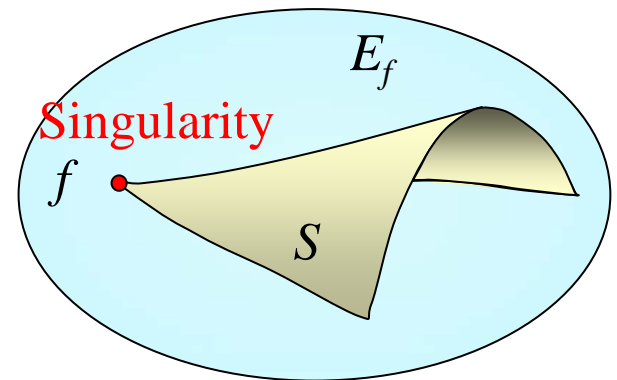
Submodel $S \subset E_f$ defined by $\varphi: K \times [0,1] \rightarrow T_f$

such that

- (1) K : compact set
- (2) $\varphi(a,t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0$
- (3) $\varphi(a,t)$: Frechet differentiable w.r.t. t and

$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t}(a,t)$ is continuous on $K \times [0,1]$

- (4) $\min_{a \in K} \left\| \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t}(a,t) \Big|_{t=0} \right\| > 0$



Singular submodel in RKEM IV

Lemma (tangent cone)

$$C_f S = \mathbf{R}_{\geq} \left\{ \left. \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t}(a, t) \Big|_{t=0} \right| a \in K \right\}$$

Theorem

$$\sup_{g \in S} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{g(X_i)}{f(X_i)} = \frac{1}{2} \sup_{w \in C_f S, E_f |w|^2=1} \underbrace{\langle w, \hat{m}_n \rangle^2}_{\text{projection of empirical mean parameter}} + o_p(1) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{in law } \frac{1}{2} \sup_{w \in C_f S, E_f |w|^2=1} G_w^2 \quad G_w: \text{Gaussian process}$$

- Analogue to the asymptotic theory on submodel in a **finite** dimensional exponential family.
- The same assertion holds without assuming exponential family, but the sufficient conditions and the proof are much more involved.

Summary

- Exponential Hilbert manifolds, which can be infinite dimensional, is defined using reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces.
- From the estimation viewpoint, an interesting class is submodels of infinite dimensional exponential manifolds, which are not embeddable into a finite dimensional exponential family.
- The asymptotic behavior of MLE is analyzed for singular submodels of infinite dimensional exponential manifolds.