

Introduction to Nonparametric Learning of Kernels in Operators

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Plan:

Lecture 1. Overview and a review of classical learning theory

Lecture 2. Learning interaction kernels in interacting particle systems

Lecture 3. Coercivity condition and minimax rate of convergence

Lecture 4. Learning interaction kernels in mean-field equations

Lecture 5. Data adaptive RKHS Tikhonov regularization

Lecture 6. Small noise analysis of RKHS regularizations

Lecture 4. Learning interaction kernels in mean-field equations

Learning interaction kernel $K_\phi(x - y) = \phi(|x - y|) \frac{x - y}{|x - y|}$

$$dX_t^i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K_\phi(X_t^j - X_t^i) dt + \sqrt{2\nu} dB_t^i, \quad \Leftrightarrow \dot{\mathbf{X}}_t = R_\phi(\mathbf{X}_t) + \sqrt{2\nu} \dot{\mathbf{B}}_t,$$

- ▶ N small: Data= M trajectories $\{\mathbf{X}_{t_1:t_L}^{(m)}\}_{m=1}^M \Rightarrow$ statistical learning
- ▶ $N = \infty$: **Data= density** $\{u_N(x, t_l) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \delta_{X_t^i}(x)\}$ or $\{u(x_m, t_l)\}_{m,l}$

$$\text{Inverse problem} \quad \partial_t u = \nu \Delta u + \nabla \cdot [u(K_\phi * u)]$$

Goal: algorithm, **identifiability**, **convergence**

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2. Regression and numerical results
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- ▶ Variational /regression: loss functional;
- ▶ Identifiability;
- ▶ Ill-posed: regularization

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Loss functional in variational approach

$$\hat{\phi} = \arg \min_{\phi \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{E}(\phi)$$

Candidates: $\partial_t u = \nu \Delta u + \nabla \cdot [u(K_\phi * u)]$

- ▶ Discrepancy: $\mathcal{E}(\phi) = \|\partial_t u - \nu \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (u(K_\phi * u))\|^2$
 - derivatives approx. from discrete data
 - Weak SINDY [Bortz etc21,22], denoising+smoothing [Kang+Liao etc22]
- ▶ Wasserstein-2: $\mathcal{E}(\phi) = W_2(u^\phi, u)$
costly: requires many PDE simulations in optimization
- ▶ **A probabilistic loss function** ↓
- ▶ **A self-test loss function**: simple, general

A probabilistic loss functional

$$\mathcal{E}(\phi) := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[|K_\phi * u|^2 u - 2\nu u (\nabla \cdot K_\phi * u) + 2\partial_t u (\Phi * u) \right] dx dt$$

- ▶ = $-\mathbb{E}[\text{log-likelihood}]$: McKean–Vlasov process

$$\begin{cases} d\bar{X}_t = -K_{\phi_{true}} * u(\bar{X}_t, t) dt + \sqrt{2\nu} dB_t, \\ \mathcal{L}(\bar{X}_t) = u(\cdot, t), \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Derivative free
- ▶ Applicable to high-dimensional: $Z_t = \bar{X}_t - \bar{X}'_t$

$$\mathcal{E}(\phi) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left(\mathbb{E} |\mathbb{E}[K_\phi(Z_t) | \bar{X}_t]|^2 - 2\nu \mathbb{E}[\nabla \cdot K_\phi(Z_t)] + \partial_t \mathbb{E} \Phi(Z_t) \right) dt$$

Derivation of the loss function

Girsanov theorem [Oksendal-SDE]

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Note: $\partial_t u = \nu \Delta u + \nabla \cdot [u(K_{\phi_{true}} * u)]$; $K_\phi = \nabla \Phi$; and

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A self-test loss function

Weak form of the equation $\partial_t u = \nu \Delta u + \nabla \cdot [u(K_\phi * u)]$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \partial_t u, v \rangle &= \nu \langle \Delta u, v \rangle + \langle \nabla \cdot [u(K_\phi * u)], v \rangle \\ &= \nu \langle u, \Delta v \rangle - \langle u(K_\phi * u), \nabla v \rangle, \quad \forall v \in C_c^\infty \dots\end{aligned}$$

“Take” $v = \Phi * u$ s.t. $\nabla \Phi(|x|) = K_\phi(x) = \phi(|x|) \frac{x}{|x|}$,

$$\langle \partial_t u, \Phi * u \rangle = \nu \langle u, \Delta \Phi * u \rangle - \langle u(K_\phi * u), K_\phi * u \rangle$$

We regain the loss function

$$\mathcal{E}(\phi) = \int_0^T [\langle \partial_t u, \Phi * u \rangle - \nu \langle u, \Delta \Phi * u \rangle + \langle u(K_\phi * u), K_\phi * u \rangle] dt$$

- ▶ regardless of $\nu = 0$ or > 0
- ▶ OK to data $\{u_N(x, t_l) \approx M^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^M \delta(X_{t_l}^i - x)\}$
- ▶ Applicable to other PDEs: **self-test** (a better name?)

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Test function: $v = \Phi * u + V$

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Nonparametric regression

$$\hat{\phi} = \arg \min_{\phi \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{E}(\phi) := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[|K_{\phi} * u|^2 u - 2\nu u (\nabla \cdot K_{\phi} * u) + 2\partial_t u (\Phi * u) \right] dx dt$$

Data: $\{u(x_m, t_l)\}_{m,l=1}^{M,L}$ with mesh $\{x_m\}$, $\Delta x = x_m - x_{m-1}$

Regression: $\phi = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \phi_i \in \mathcal{H}_n$:

$$\mathcal{E}_M(\phi) = c^\top A c - 2b^\top c \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{\phi}_{n,M} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{c}_i \phi_i, \quad \hat{c} = A^{-1} b$$

► Choice of \mathcal{H}_n & function space of learning?

– Exploration measure $\rho_T \leftarrow |\bar{X}_T - \bar{X}'_t|$

$$\rho_T(dr) := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho_t(dr) dt, \quad \rho_t(dr) := \mathbb{E}[\delta(|\bar{X}'_t - \bar{X}_t| \in dr)].$$

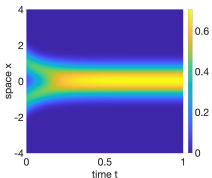
$$\rho_L^M(dr) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{m,m'=1}^{M,M} u(x_m, t_l) u(x_{m'}, t_l) \delta_{|x_m - x_{m'}|}(r) dr.$$

► Inverse problem well-posedness/ identifiability? $\arg \min_{\phi \in L^2(\rho)} \mathcal{E}(\phi)$

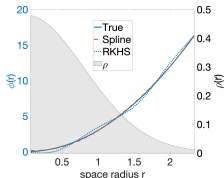
► Convergence and rate? $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

Smooth kernel

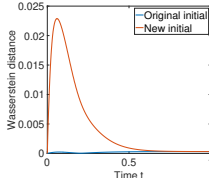
Example: granular media $\phi(r) = 3r^2$



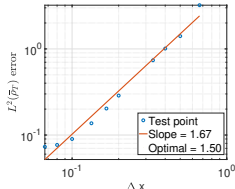
Data $u(x, t)$



Estimator



Wasserstein-2

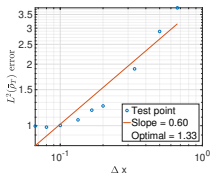
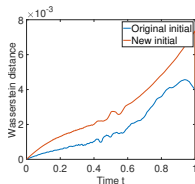
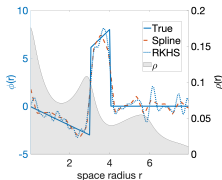
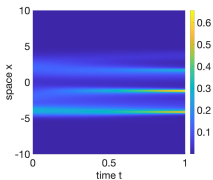


Rate

- ▶ Near optimal rate ($\phi \in W^{1,\infty}$)
- ▶ Other examples:
 - suboptimal when ϕ discontinuous,
 - low rate for singular ϕ

Discontinuous kernel

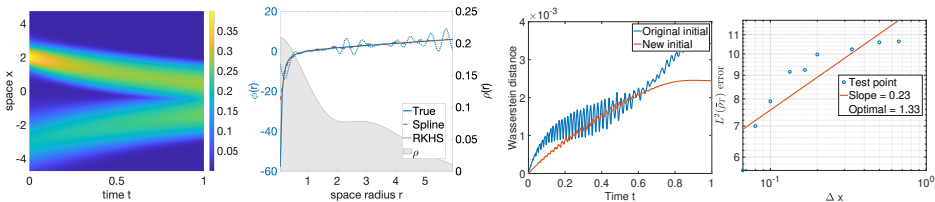
Example 2: Opinion dynamics $\phi(r)$ piecewise linear



► sub-optimal rate ($\phi \notin W^{1,\infty}$)

Singular kernel

Example 3: repulsion-attraction $\phi(r) = r - r^{-1.5}$ (truncated singular)



► low rate: open

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Identifiability

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Uniqueness of the minimizer in $\mathcal{H} = L_\rho^2$?

The quadratic term

$$\begin{aligned} \langle L_{\bar{G}}\phi, \phi \rangle &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K_\phi * u|^2 u dx = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \phi(r)\phi(s)G(r,s) dr ds \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \phi(r)\phi(s) \frac{G(r,s)}{\rho(r)\rho(s)} \rho(r)\rho(s) dr ds \end{aligned}$$

$$G(r,s) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{S}^d} \int_{\mathbb{S}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \langle \xi, \eta \rangle (rs)^{d-1} u(x - r\xi, t) u(x - s\eta, t) u(x, t) dx d\xi d\eta dt.$$

$$\bar{G}(r,s) = \frac{G(r,s)}{\rho(r)\rho(s)}$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\phi) = \langle L_{\bar{G}}\phi, \phi \rangle - 2\langle \phi^D, \phi \rangle + \text{const.}$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{E}(\phi) = L_{\bar{G}}\phi - \phi^D = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{\phi} = L_{\bar{G}}^{-1} \phi^D$$

Identifiability

- ▶ **Identifiability:** $A^{-1}b \leftrightarrow L_{\overline{G}}^{-1}\phi^D \in L_{\rho}^2$
 - $L_{\overline{G}}$: positive compact operator
 - Function space of identifiability (FSOI) = $\overline{\text{span}\{\psi_i\}_{\lambda_i > 0}}$
 - Ill-posed \rightarrow regularization: truncated SVD/L-curve.
- ▶ Coercivity condition on \mathcal{H} (not L_{ρ}^2)

$$c_{\mathcal{H}} = \inf_{\phi \in \mathcal{H}, \|\phi\|_{L_{\rho}^2} = 1} \langle L_{\overline{G}}\phi, \phi \rangle > 0$$

- Finite-D \mathcal{H}
- Infinite-D compact set (not a linear subspace in L_{ρ}^2)

Revisit the numerical results [Page ??]

- ▶ The data are smooth
- ▶ The true kernel in/not in FSOI

Exploration measure v.s. Uniform measure

Can we use a uniform measure on $\text{supp}(\rho)$?

The quadratic term

$$\begin{aligned}\langle L_{\bar{G}}\phi, \phi \rangle_{L^2_\rho} &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K_\phi * u|^2 u dx = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \phi(r)\phi(s)G(r,s) dr ds \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \phi(r)\phi(s) \underbrace{\frac{G(r,s)}{\rho(r)\rho(s)}}_{\bar{G}(r,s)} \rho(r)\rho(s) dr ds = \langle L_G\phi, \phi \rangle_{L^2}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\nabla \mathcal{E}(\phi) = L_{\bar{G}}\phi - \phi^D = 0 \Rightarrow \widehat{\phi}^{\bar{G}} = L_{\bar{G}}^{-1}\phi^D \quad \nabla \mathcal{E}(\phi) = L_G\phi - \phi^D = 0 \Rightarrow \widehat{\phi}^G = L_G^{-1}\phi^D$$

Exploration measure v.s. Uniform measure:

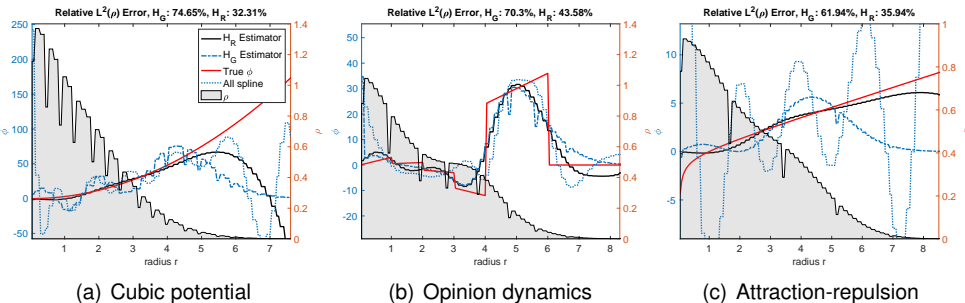


Figure: Regularized estimators via truncated SVD. (R represents \bar{G})

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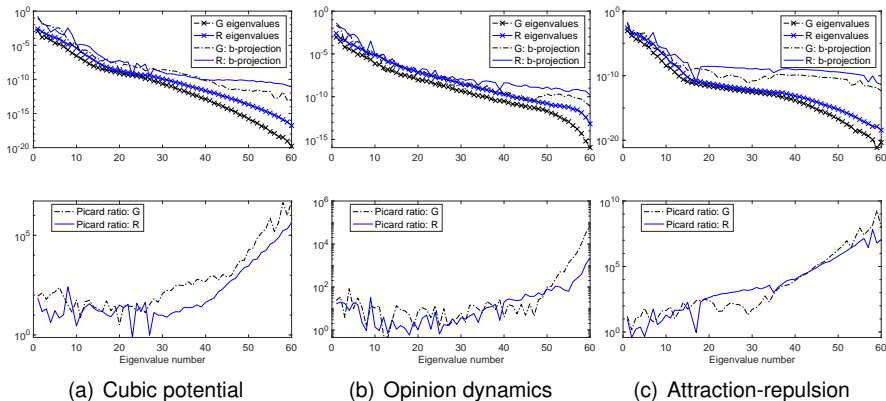


Figure: SVD analysis of the regression in three examples. (R represents \overline{G} with L^2_ρ). The weighted SVD has larger eigenvalues than those of the unweighted SVD, and it has slightly smaller Picard ratios $\frac{u_i^\top b}{\sigma_i}$.

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Assume $\Delta t = 0$.

Theorem (Error bound [Lang-Lu22sisc])

Let $\mathcal{H}_n = \text{span}\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ s.t. $\|\phi_{\mathcal{H}_n} - \phi\|_{L^2_\rho} \lesssim n^{-s}$. *Assume the coercivity condition on $\cup \mathcal{H}_n$.* Then, with $n \approx (\Delta x)^{-\alpha/(s+1)}$, we have:

$$\|\hat{\phi}_{n,M} - \phi\|_{L^2_\rho} \lesssim c_{\mathcal{H}}^{-1} (\Delta x)^{\alpha s/(s+1)}$$

- ▶ Δx^α comes from numerical integrator (e.g., Riemann sum)
 - In statistical learning: $\alpha = 1/2$ (Monte Carlo, CLT)
- ▶ Trade-off: numerical error v.s. approximation error

Sketch of proof:

$$\|\widehat{\phi}_{n,M} - \phi\|_{L^2_\rho} \leq \|\widehat{\phi}_{n,M} - \widehat{\phi}_n\|_{L^2_\rho} + \|\widehat{\phi}_n - \phi\|_{L^2_\rho}.$$

- ▶ $\widehat{\phi}_n$ the optimal estimator in \mathcal{H}_n
- ▶ Numerical error from Riemann sum:

$$\|\widehat{\phi}_{n,M,L} - \widehat{\phi}_n\|_{L^2_\rho} \leq 2c_{\mathcal{H}}^{-1} \sigma_{\max} \left(c^b \sqrt{n} + c^A n \|\phi\|_{L^2_\rho} \right) (\Delta x + \Delta t),$$

$$\|\widehat{c}_{n,M,L} - \widehat{c}\| = \|A_{n,M,L}^{-1} b_{n,M,L} - A^{-1} b\|$$

$$\|A - A_{n,M,L}\| \leq nc^A (\Delta x + \Delta t),$$

$$\|b - b_{n,M,L}\| \leq \sqrt{nc}^b (\Delta x + \Delta t),$$

- ▶ Approximation error: $\|\widehat{\phi}_n - \phi\|_{L^2_\rho} \sim n^{-s}$.

Tradeoff: $g(n) = n(\Delta x)^{-\alpha} + n^{-s} \Rightarrow$

$$n_* \approx s^{-1/(s+1)} (\Delta x)^{\alpha/(s+1)}, \quad g(n_*) \approx (\Delta x)^{-\alpha s/(s+1)}.$$

Coercivity condition, ill-posedness, regularization

A good-looking estimator is relatively easy. Convergence is difficult.

- ▶ No coercivity condition on $\mathcal{H} = L^2_\rho$.
- ▶ Ill-posed: $\hat{\phi} = L_{\bar{G}}^{-1} \phi^D$
 - $L_{\bar{G}}^{-1}$ is unbounded ($L_{\bar{G}}$ is compact with $\lambda_k \rightarrow 0$)
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- ▶ Regularization: direct and iterative methods
 - truncated SVD
 - Tikhonov:
 - Iterative methods

Summary

Inverse problems for mean-field PDE of interacting particles

- ▶ Construction of loss functions
- ▶ Nonparametric regression
- ▶ Identifiability
- ▶ Convergence of estimator
- ▶ Ill-posedness and Regularization

Learning kernels in operators:

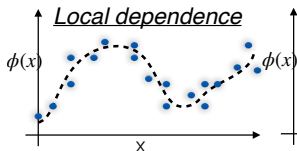
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$$\partial_t u = \nu \Delta u + \nabla \cdot [u(K_\phi * u)] \quad \Leftrightarrow R_\phi[u(\cdot, t)] = f(\cdot, t)$$

Infer ϕ in $R_\phi[u] = f$ from data $\mathcal{D} = \{(u_k, f_k)\}_{k=1}^M$

- ▶ R_ϕ linear/nonlinear in u , but **linear** in ϕ
- ▶ Estimator: $\hat{\phi} = L_{\bar{G}}^{-1} \phi^D$
 - Finite N : coercivity $\lambda_{\min}(L_{\bar{G}}) \geq c_{\mathcal{H}}$. $L_{\bar{G}} = c_N L_G + \frac{N-1}{N^2} I$
 - Infinite N : ill-posed, $\lambda_k(L_{\bar{G}}) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$ Regularization necessary

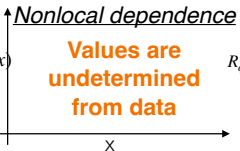
Classical learning

$$\{(x_i, \phi(x_i) + \epsilon_i)\}$$



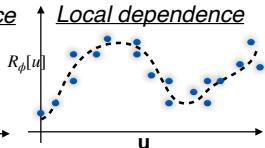
Learning kernel

$$\{(u_k, R_\phi[u_k] + \eta_k)\}$$



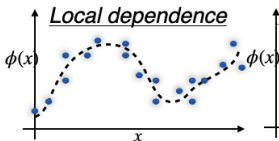
Operator learning

$$\{(u_k, R_\phi[u_k] + \eta_k)\}$$



Classical learning

$$\{(x_i, \phi(x_i) + \epsilon_i)\}$$



Inversion $\hat{\phi} = I^{-1}\phi^D$

Regularization $\hat{\phi} = (I + \lambda Q)^{-1}\phi^D$

Learning kernel

$$\{(u_k, R_\phi[u_k] + \eta_k)\}$$

Nonlocal dependence

Values are
undetermined
from data

$\hat{\phi} = L_G^{-1}\phi^D$

$\hat{\phi} = (L_G + \lambda L_G^{-1})^{-1}\phi^D$