

Regularized Jacobi Wavelets Kernel for Support Vector Machines

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Abstract A new family of regularized Jacobi wavelets is constructed. Based on this Jacobi wavelets, a new kernel for support vector machines is presented. Using kernel and frame theory, the Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space of this kernel is identified. We show that without being a universal kernel, the proposed one possesses a good separation property and a big ability to extract more discriminative features. These theoretical results are confirmed and supported by numerical experiments.

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1. Introduction

Support vector machines (SVMs) have become a very dominant tool in machine learning used for both data classification and regression ([20]). They have been extensively applied in many fields as pattern recognition, biology, medical diagnosis, chemistry and bioinformatics ([8, 16, 21]). The classification problem can be limited to consideration of the two-class problem namely binary classification. The principle of SVMs is to bring back this binary classification problem in search of a separating hyperplane. SVM's theory is based on using three main concepts :

- The Structural Risk Minimization principle ([20]), which has been shown to be superior, to traditional Empirical Risk Minimization principle ([3]).
- The use of a convex quadratic optimization problem to solve the problem of maximum margin, efficient solvers are available now that can solve such problem even with large size and dense data ([18]).
- When data are nonlinearly separable, SVMs use a kernel function that maps the data into high-dimensional feature space in which the problem becomes linearly separable.

The first kernels investigated for SVM problems were polynomial, Sigmoid and the radial basis kernel ([20]). Since several kernels were introduced and studied in literature and it is well known, that the major task of the SVM approach lies in the selection of its kernel. Recently, special attention has been given to the construction based on the concepts of orthogonal polynomials ([1, 9, 10, 11, 22, 25]), which have found widespread use in several areas of science and engineering. The fundamental reason for the success of this kernels type is its orthogonality properties, that reduce the redundancy of the original data and make it able to extract more discriminative features, so that SVM can classify the data better and easier ([6]). Inheriting also this property, kernels based on wavelets have given great satisfaction in practice ([12, 24]). The idea of combining orthogonal polynomial and wavelet theories

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gave rise to new wavelets, such as the wavelets of Legendre, Chebyshev, Hermite, etc, which was a powerful technique for signal processing, solving differential equations, optimal control, and calculus variations problems ([2, 7, 14]). Suffering from a continuity problem, kernels based on this type of wavelet have never been introduced before, more in the context of SVMs. In this paper, we built a new kernel based on Jacobi wavelets. Legendre and Chebyshev wavelets represents a particular case of Jacobi wavelets of indices (α, β) when $(\alpha = 0, \beta = 0)$ and $(\alpha = \beta = -\frac{1}{2})$ respectively, this shows the general framework of our kernel. Using frame theory ([13]), we identify the Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS) of this kernel and we confirm that this new kernel has the separation properties. These theoretical results are confirmed and supported by numerical experiments. The paper is structured as follows: section 2 is devoted to kernel and frame theories. In Section 3, we present the main results of this work, we describe the method of constructing the regularized Jacobi wavelets kernel and its RKHS using frame theory. Numerical experiments are given in Section 4, the Jacobi wavelets kernel performance has been evaluated on two-dimensional illustrative examples in order to give also a graphical comparison with other kernels. Finally, we conclude the paper in section 5.

2. Backgrounds

Given a finite training samples set $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^l$ where $X = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^l$ are l points in \mathbb{R}^d and the corresponding labels y_i in $\{-1, 1\}$, the goal is to find an hyperplane in the space \mathbb{R}^d that is inserted between the two classes : class 1 and class -1 . In linear classification, the aim is to construct a classifier f (a decision function) that distinguishes between the two sets. However, in general data are not linearly separable in practice. Then, a non-linear classification is proposed that maps the data into a high- dimensional feature space H via a transformation ϕ called feature map ($\phi: X \rightarrow H$), such that the transformed data are linearly separable. When this hyperplane is back into the original space it describes a surface.

2.1. The optimization problem

The classic soft margin SVM formulation ([5]) is defined by

$$\begin{cases} \min_{\alpha} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x_j) + \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \\ \text{s. t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i y_i = 0 \\ 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \quad i = 1, \dots, l \end{cases}, \quad (1)$$

where the parameter C is the penalty which trade-off balancing the merit of model complexity and misclassified points. It is not necessary to know the explicit form of the mapping ϕ since we can replace the inner product $\phi(x_i)^T \phi(x_j)$ by the kernel function K such that

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \langle \phi(x_i), \phi(x_j) \rangle_H = \mathbf{K}_{ij},$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H$ denotes the inner product of H and $(\mathbf{K}_{ij})_{\substack{i=1, \dots, l \\ j=1, \dots, l}}$ is called the Gram matrix of the kernel K .

The problem (1) becomes

$$\begin{cases} \min_{\alpha} -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{K}_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \\ \text{s. t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i y_i = 0 \\ 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \quad i = 1, \dots, l \end{cases}. \quad (2)$$

The solution $\alpha=(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l)$ of the optimization problem (2) and the bias b , which can be recovered from the Lagrangian multiplier associated to the equality constraint of (2) ([3]), gives the classifier function

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{sv} \alpha_i y_i K(x_i, x) + b,$$

which is fundamental for the learning task. The integer sv corresponds to the number of support vectors, which are the points x_i whose associated Lagrangian multipliers are not zeros ($\alpha_i \neq 0$). Thus, the decision function can be represented by only a few numbers of data points (the so-called support vectors). SVM classifier that yields fewer support vectors for a given kernel is desirable.

2.2. Kernels for SVMs

In the sequel, we present the basic definition and some important properties of kernels for SVMs.

Definition 1

[17] Let X be a non-empty set. Then a function $K : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a kernel on X if there exists an \mathbb{R} -Hilbert space H and a map $\phi : X \rightarrow H$ such that

$$K(x, y) = \langle \phi(y), \phi(x) \rangle_H, \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

ϕ is called feature map and H a feature space of K .

The most used kernels are the radial basis function RBF or Gaussian defined for some positive parameter γ by

$$K(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - y\|^2}{\gamma^2}\right),$$

and the polynomial kernel defined for some positive integer p by

$$K(x, y) = (x \times y + 1)^p.$$

One can construct new kernels from scratch using kernel’s properties. A good study on kernels theory is given in reference ([17]).

A characterization of kernels for SVMs is given by the following theorem ([17]) :

Theorem 1

(Mercer) Let X be a non-empty set and let a function $K : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. K is a kernel if and only if it is symmetric and its Gram matrix is positive semidefinite.

It’s known that every kernel admits several feature space, the next definition introduces the RKHS, which is in a certain sense, the smallest feature space of this kernel and consequently, it can serve as a canonical one.

Definition 2

[17] Let $X \neq \emptyset$ and H be a \mathbb{R} -Hilbert space. A function $K : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a reproducing kernel of H if

1. $K(., x) \in H, \forall x \in X$.
2. The reproducing property is verified

$$f(x) = \langle f, K(., x) \rangle_H, \quad \forall f \in H, \forall x \in X.$$

3. The space H is called a RKHS over X if the Dirac functional

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_x & : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ f & \rightarrow f(x) \end{aligned}$$

is continuous for all $x \in X$.

2.3. Frame for SVMs

One can construct kernels and its associated RKHS from frame's theory ([13]). We give the definition of a frame and then a characterization result necessary for the remainder.

Definition 3

[4] Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\{\psi_n\}_{n=1,\dots,N}$ be a set of non-zeros functions of an Hilbert space $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H)$. The family $\{\psi_n\}_{n=1,\dots,N}$ is a frame for H if there exist constants $B, G > 0$ such that

$$B \|f\|_H^2 \leq \sum_{n=1}^N |\langle f, \psi_n \rangle_H|^2 \leq G \|f\|_H^2.$$

The numbers B and G are called frame bounds.

The reconstruction of f from its frame coefficients needs the following definition of a dual frame.

Definition 4

[13] Let $\{\psi_n\}_{n=1,\dots,N}$ be a frame of H with frame bounds B and G . The dual frame $\{\bar{\psi}_n\}_{n=1,\dots,N}$ is defined as

$$\frac{1}{G} \|f\|_H^2 \leq \sum_{n=1}^N |\langle f, \bar{\psi}_n \rangle_H|^2 \leq \frac{1}{B} \|f\|_H^2,$$

and $f = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle f, \bar{\psi}_n \rangle_H \psi_n$.

Theorem 2

Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\{\psi_n\}_{n=1,\dots,N}$ be a set of non-zeros functions of an Hilbert space $(\mathcal{B}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{B}})$ such that $\exists \Delta > 0, \forall x \in X, \forall n \ 1 \leq n \leq N$

$$|\psi_n(x)| \leq \Delta.$$

Let H be the set of functions so that

$$H = \left\{ f = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \psi_n, \ a_n \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for } n = 1, \dots, N \right\}.$$

The space $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{B}})$ is an RKHS and its reproducing kernel is

$$K(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^N \bar{\psi}_n(x) \psi_n(y),$$

where $\{\bar{\psi}_n\}_{n=1,\dots,N}$ is the dual frame of $\{\psi_n\}_{n=1,\dots,N}$ in H .

We will combine SVM and wavelet theories to build a new kernel based on Jacobi wavelets and we will characterize the theoretical properties of this new kernel in the next section.

3. Main results

3.1. The Jacobi wavelets kernel

The Jacobi polynomials $J_m^{(\alpha, \beta)}$ are defined by the following iterative formula for all $\alpha > -1, \beta > -1$:

$$\begin{aligned} J_m^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) &= \frac{(\alpha + \beta + 2m - 1) [\alpha^2 - \beta^2 + x(\alpha + \beta + 2m)(\alpha + \beta + 2m - 2)]}{2m(\alpha + \beta + 2m - 2)(\alpha + \beta + m)} J_{m-1}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) \\ &\quad - \frac{(\alpha + m - 1)(\beta + m - 1)(\alpha + \beta + 2m)}{m(\alpha + \beta + 2m - 2)(\alpha + \beta + m)} J_{m-2}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$J_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = 1, J_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = \frac{\alpha + \beta + 2}{2}x + \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}.$$

These polynomials belong to the weight space $L^2_\omega([-1, 1])$

$$\left\langle J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}, J_{m'}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\rangle_{L^2_\omega} = h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)} \delta_{m,m'}, \forall m, m' \in \mathbb{N},$$

where

$$h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)} = \left\| J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\|^2 = \frac{2^{\alpha+\beta+1} \Gamma(\alpha + m + 1) \Gamma(\beta + m + 1)}{(2m + 1 + \alpha + \beta) m! \Gamma(\alpha + \beta + m + 1)},$$

and $\omega(x) = (1 - x)^\alpha (1 + x)^\beta$. $\delta_{n,m}$ represents the Kronecker function, Γ is the Euler gamma function and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L^2_\omega}$ denotes the inner product of $L^2_\omega([-1, 1])$.

The family $\left\{ J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ forms an orthogonal basis for $L^2_\omega([-1, 1])$ ([19]).

The Jacobi wavelets are defined by ([23])

$$\psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2^{\frac{k+1}{2}}}{\sqrt{h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(2^{k+1}x - 2n + 1), & \frac{n-1}{2^k} \leq x < \frac{n}{2^k}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $n = 1, \dots, 2^k$ represents the number of decomposition levels, $m = 0, 1, \dots, M$ is the degree of the Jacobi polynomials ($M \in \mathbb{N}$). The coefficient $\frac{2^{\frac{k+1}{2}}}{\sqrt{h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}}}$ is for normality.

Theorem 3

The family $\left\{ \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\}_{\substack{n = 1, \dots, 2^k \\ m \geq 0}}$ forms an orthonormal basis of $(L^2_\omega([0, 1]), \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{wav})$, where

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{wav} = \sum_{i=1}^{2^k} \int_{\frac{i-1}{2^k}}^{\frac{i}{2^k}} f_i(x) g_i(x) \omega_i(x) dx,$$

f_i is the restriction of f on $[\frac{i-1}{2^k}, \frac{i}{2^k}[$ and $\omega_i(x) = \omega(2^{k+1}x - 2i + 1)$.

Proof

First, we have to prove that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{wav}$ is an inner product of $L^2_\omega([0, 1])$. Let f be a function of $L^2_\omega([0, 1])$. The symmetry and bilinearity of $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{wav}$ are obvious, we only show that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{wav}$ is positive definite. We have

i $\langle f, f \rangle_{wav} = \sum_{i=1}^{2^k} \int_{\frac{i-1}{2^k}}^{\frac{i}{2^k}} (f_i(x))^2 \omega_i(x) dx \geq 0,$

since $\int_{\frac{i-1}{2^k}}^{\frac{i}{2^k}} (f_i(x))^2 \omega_i(x) dx = \langle f_i, f_i \rangle_{L^2_\omega[\frac{i-1}{2^k}, \frac{i}{2^k}[} \geq 0.$

ii

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, f \rangle_{wav} &= 0 \\ \iff \int_{\frac{i-1}{2^k}}^{\frac{i}{2^k}} (f_i(x))^2 \omega_i(x) dx &= 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, 2^k \\ \iff f_i &= 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, 2^k \\ \iff f &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we show that the family $\left\{ \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\}_{\substack{n=1,\dots,2^k \\ m \geq 0}}$ forms an orthonormal basis of $L^2_\omega([0, 1])$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, \psi_{j,l}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\rangle_{wav} &= \sum_{i=1}^{2^k} \int_{\frac{i-1}{2^k}}^{\frac{i}{2^k}} \left(\psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right)_i(x) \left(\psi_{j,l}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right)_i(x) \omega_i(x) dx \\ &= \delta_{n,j} \int_{\frac{n-1}{2^k}}^{\frac{n}{2^k}} \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \psi_{n,l}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \omega_n(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

By using the change of variable $t = 2^{k+1}x - 2n + 1$ and the fact that the family $\left\{ \frac{J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}}{\|J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}\|} \right\}_{m \geq 0}$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^2_\omega([-1, 1])$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, \psi_{j,l}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\rangle_{wav} &= \delta_{n,j} \frac{2^{k+1}}{\|J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}\| \|J_l^{(\alpha,\beta)}\|} \int_{\frac{n-1}{2^k}}^{\frac{n}{2^k}} J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(t) J_l^{(\alpha,\beta)}(t) \omega(t) \frac{dt}{2^{k+1}} \\ &= \delta_{n,j} \delta_{m,l}. \end{aligned}$$

□

We will use the same approach of constructing RKHS by frame theory given in Theorem 2. One can affirm the existence of a positive constant Δ for a fixed $M, k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\left| \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \right| \leq \Delta, \text{ for } x \in [0, 1[, n = 1, \dots, 2^k \text{ and } m = 0, \dots, M. \tag{4}$$

Let $k, M \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\left\{ \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\}_{\substack{n=1,\dots,2^k \\ m=0,\dots,M}}$ defined as (3). The space of functions $(H_{wav}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{wav})$ is defined by

$$H_{wav} = \left\{ f = \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M a_{n,m} \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, a_{n,m} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for } n = 1, \dots, 2^k, m = 0, \dots, M \right\}.$$

From (4) and the fact that orthogonal basis is frame ([4]), we deduce from Theorem 2. that H_{wav} is a RKHS and its reproducing kernel is given by

$$\begin{aligned} k_{wav} &: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \\ (x, y) &\mapsto k_{wav}(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(y). \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

In general, functions belonging to H_{wav} are not all continuous.

In fact, for $k = 1$ and $M = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a_{1,0} \psi_{1,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) + a_{1,1} \psi_{1,1}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) + a_{2,0} \psi_{2,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) + a_{2,1} \psi_{2,1}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{2a_{1,0}}{\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} + \frac{2a_{1,1}}{\sqrt{h_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} J_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}(4x - 1), & x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ \frac{2a_{2,0}}{\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} + \frac{2a_{2,1}}{\sqrt{h_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} J_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}(4x - 3), & x \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that f is continuous on $[0, \frac{1}{2}[$ and on $[\frac{1}{2}, 1[$. We will study the continuity of f at $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \nearrow \frac{1}{2}} f(x) &= \lim_{x \nearrow \frac{1}{2}} \frac{2a_{1,0}}{\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} + \frac{2a_{1,1}}{\sqrt{h_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} J_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}(4x - 1) \\ &= \frac{2a_{1,0}}{\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} + \frac{2a_{1,1}}{\sqrt{h_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} J_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1). \\ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{2a_{2,0}}{\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} + \frac{2a_{2,1}}{\sqrt{h_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} J_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1). \end{aligned}$$

We take $a_{n,m} = a_{n',m} = a_m$ for $n, n' = 1, \dots, 2^k$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \nearrow \frac{1}{2}} f(x) &= \frac{2a_0}{\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} + \frac{2a_1}{\sqrt{h_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} J_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1), \\ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{2a_0}{\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} + \frac{2a_1}{\sqrt{h_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} J_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1), \end{aligned}$$

but $J_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) \neq J_1^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1)$.

Kernel of type (5) has never been used for SVM since continuity is necessary to have a high-performance RKHS ([6]). This continuity problem is addressed in the following subsection.

3.2. The regularized Jacobi wavelets

Now, we consider the regularized Jacobi wavelets

$$\hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2^{\frac{k+1}{2}}}{\sqrt{h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} \left(J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(2^{k+1}x - 2n + 1) \right) \\ \quad + \frac{2^{\frac{k+1}{2}}}{\sqrt{h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} (n - 1) \left(J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) - J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1) \right), & \frac{n-1}{2^k} \leq x < \frac{n}{2^k}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

Let \hat{H} be the space of functions defined by

$$\hat{H} = \left\{ f = \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M a_m \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, a_m \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for } m = 0, \dots, M \right\}.$$

One can claim that :

Theorem 4

All functions belonging to the space \hat{H} are continuous.

Proof

We know that the function f is continuous on each subinterval $[\frac{n-1}{2^k}, \frac{n}{2^k}[$, then it only remains to study the continuity at the points $\frac{n}{2^k}$, $n = 1, \dots, 2^k - 1$. We just need to compare between $\lim_{x \nearrow \frac{n}{2^k}} f(x)$ and $f(\frac{n}{2^k})$:

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) &= \sum_{m=0}^M a_m \hat{\psi}_{n+1,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^M a_m \frac{2^{\frac{k+1}{2}}}{\sqrt{h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} \left(n J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) - (n - 1) \left(J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1) \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \nearrow \frac{n}{2^k}} f(x) &= \lim_{x \nearrow \frac{n}{2^k}} \sum_{m=0}^M a_m \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \\ &= \lim_{x \nearrow \frac{n}{2^k}} \sum_{m=0}^M a_m \frac{2^{\frac{k+1}{2}}}{\sqrt{h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} \left(J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(2^{k+1}x - 2n + 1) + (n - 1) \left(J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) - J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1) \right) \right) \\ &= f\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right), \end{aligned}$$

hence, f is continuous. □

Remark 1

The family $\left\{ \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\}_{\substack{n=1, \dots, 2^k \\ m=0, \dots, M}}$ is not orthogonal, but it is a wavelet frame for $\hat{H} = \text{span} \left\{ \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\}_{\substack{n=1, \dots, 2^k \\ m=0, \dots, M}}$, since it is a finite set of elements of $(L^2_\omega([0, 1]), \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{wav})$ ([4]).

To apply Theorem 2., we must compute the dual of (6). The frame operator U can be defined as in ([4])

$$U : \hat{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2^k(M+1)} \\ f \rightarrow \left\{ \left\langle f, \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\rangle_{wav} \right\}_{\substack{n=1, \dots, 2^k \\ m=0, \dots, M}} .$$

The adjoint operator is given by

$$U^* : \mathbb{R}^{2^k(M+1)} \rightarrow \hat{H} \\ \{c_{nm}\}_{\substack{n=1, \dots, 2^k \\ m=0, \dots, M}} \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M c_{nm} \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} .$$

Let us define the dual frame $\left\{ \bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\}_{\substack{n=1, \dots, 2^k \\ m=0, \dots, M}}$ as

$$S^{-1} \left(\hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right) = \bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)},$$

where

$$S = UU^*,$$

is called the frame operator. This operator is linear and self-adjoint. Note that in terms of the frame operator ([4]) we have

$$S(f) = \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M \left\langle f, \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\rangle_{wav} \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, \quad f \in \hat{H}. \tag{7}$$

Now, it remains to determine the $\bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$.

Theorem 5

The dual frame $\bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$ is defined as

$$\begin{cases} \bar{\psi}_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)} = \psi_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)} - \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{(n-1)\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}}{\sqrt{h_j^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} \left(J_j^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) - J_j^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1) \right) \psi_{n,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, & \text{for } n = 1, \dots, 2^k. \\ \bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} = \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, & \text{for } m = 1, \dots, M \end{cases}$$

Proof

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) &= \frac{2^{\frac{k+1}{2}}}{\sqrt{h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} \left(J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(2^{k+1}x - 2n + 1) + (n - 1) \left(J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) - J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1) \right) \right) \\ &= \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) + \frac{(n - 1)\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}}{\sqrt{h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} \left(J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) - J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1) \right) \frac{2^{\frac{k+1}{2}}}{\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} J_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \\ &= \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) + A(n, m)\psi_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x), \end{aligned}$$

with $A(n, m) = \frac{(n-1)\sqrt{h_0^{(\alpha,\beta)}}}{\sqrt{h_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}}} \left(J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) - J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1) \right)$. Using (7), we get for $n = 1, \dots, 2^k, m = 0, \dots, M$

$$\begin{aligned} S(\psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{2^k} \sum_{j=0}^M \left\langle \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, \hat{\psi}_{i,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\rangle_{wav} \hat{\psi}_{i,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2^k} \sum_{j=0}^M \left(\left\langle \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, \psi_{i,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)} + A(i, j)\psi_{i,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\rangle_{wav} \right) \hat{\psi}_{i,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2^k} \delta_{n,i} \sum_{j=0}^M \left(\left\langle \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, \psi_{i,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\rangle_{wav} + \left\langle \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, A(i, j)\psi_{i,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\rangle_{wav} \right) \hat{\psi}_{i,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^M (\delta_{m,j} + A(n, j)\delta_{m,0}) \hat{\psi}_{n,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \\ &= \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} + \sum_{j=1}^M A(n, j)\delta_{m,0} \hat{\psi}_{n,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)}. \end{aligned}$$

If $m \neq 0$, we obtain

$$S(\psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)},$$

then,

$$\bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} = S^{-1}(\hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}. \tag{8}$$

Otherwise,

$$S(\psi_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \hat{\psi}_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)} + \sum_{j=1}^M A(n, j)\hat{\psi}_{n,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)},$$

so

$$\hat{\psi}_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)} = S(\psi_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)}) - \sum_{j=1}^M A(n, j)\hat{\psi}_{n,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)},$$

then

$$S^{-1}(\hat{\psi}_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \psi_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)} - \sum_{j=1}^M A(n, j)S^{-1}(\hat{\psi}_{n,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)}). \tag{9}$$

Combining (8) with (9), we find

$$\bar{\psi}_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)} = S^{-1}(\hat{\psi}_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \psi_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)} - \sum_{j=1}^M A(n, j)\psi_{n,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)}.$$

So, for every function f in \hat{H} , it can be written as

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M \left\langle \bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, f \right\rangle_{wav} \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x). \quad (10)$$

□

The space \hat{H} is an RKHS for the same arguments given in the subsection 3.1. According to ([13]), the reproducing kernel associated with \hat{H} is

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{K}(x, y) &= \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M \bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(y) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \left(\bar{\psi}_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \hat{\psi}_{n,0}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(y) + \sum_{m=1}^M \bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(y) \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(y) = K_{wav}(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the associated feature map is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Phi} : [0, 1] &\rightarrow \hat{H} \\ x &\mapsto \hat{\Phi}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M \bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) \psi_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \end{aligned}$$

For the multidimensional case, we will take for every $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in [0, 1]^d$, $d \in \mathbb{N}^*$ the following set

$$\mathcal{H} = \otimes_{j=1}^d \hat{H},$$

where \otimes is the tensor product ([15]). We define the inner product in \mathcal{H} by

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \prod_{j=1}^d \langle f^j, g^j \rangle_{wav} \quad (11)$$

where $f = \otimes_{j=1}^d f^j$, $g = \otimes_{j=1}^d g^j$ and $f^j, g^j \in \hat{H}$, for $j = 1, \dots, d$. We also define for $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in [0, 1]^d$ the following functions (Lemma 4.6 of [17])

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \prod_{j=1}^d K_{wav}(x^j, y^j), \quad (12)$$

such as $x^j, y^j \in [0, 1]$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : [0, 1]^d &\rightarrow \mathcal{H} \\ \mathbf{x} &\mapsto \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \otimes_{j=1}^d \hat{\Phi}(x^j). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 6

The space \mathcal{H} is the RKHS associated to the Jacobi wavelets for the multidimensional case, and $\mathcal{K}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is its reproducing kernel.

Proof

i Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in [0, 1]^d$, from relation (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \prod_{j=1}^d K_{wav}(x^j, y^j) \\ &= \otimes_{j=1}^d K_{wav}(x^j, \cdot)(y^j) \\ &= \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \cdot)(\mathbf{y}), \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \cdot) = \otimes_{j=1}^d K_{wav}(x^j, \cdot). \tag{13}$$

Since k_{wav} is the reproducing kernel for \hat{H} , then $K_{wav}(x^j, \cdot) \in \hat{H}$, so $\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \cdot) \in \mathcal{H}$.

ii Let $f \in \mathcal{H}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]^d$, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) &= \left(\otimes_{j=1}^d f^j \right) (\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^d f^j(x^j). \end{aligned}$$

Since $f^j \in \hat{H}$ and \hat{H} is an RKHS, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) &= \prod_{j=1}^d \langle K_{wav}(x^j, \cdot), f^j \rangle_{wav} \\ &= \langle \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \cdot), f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}, \end{aligned}$$

this last equality follows from relations (11) and (13). Then, the reproducing property is verified.

iii The Dirac function is continuous on \mathcal{H} . Indeed, for $\mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]^d$ and $f \in \mathcal{H}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\mathbf{x}}(f) &= f(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^d f^j(x^j) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^d \delta_{x^j}(f^j). \end{aligned}$$

We know that the functional δ_{x^j} is continuous on \hat{H} . So, $\delta_{\mathbf{x}}$ is continuous.

□

The following theorem generalizes Remark 1. for the multidimensional case.

Theorem 7

The family $\left\{ \prod_{j=1}^d \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\cdot^j) \right\}_{\substack{n=1, \dots, 2^k \\ m=0, \dots, M}}$ forms a frame for \mathcal{H} .

Proof

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= \otimes_{j=1}^d \hat{H} \\ &= \otimes_{j=1}^d \text{span} \left\{ \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\cdot^j) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $f \in \mathcal{H}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) &= \left(\otimes_{j=1}^d f^j \right) (\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^d f^j(x^j). \end{aligned}$$

By applying relation (10) on every function f^j in \hat{H} , we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) &= \prod_{j=1}^d \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M \left\langle \left(\bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right)^j, f^j \right\rangle_{\text{wav}} \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x^j) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M \prod_{j=1}^d \left\langle \left(\bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right)^j, f^j \right\rangle_{\text{wav}} \prod_{j=1}^d \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x^j) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{2^k} \sum_{m=0}^M \left\langle \bar{\Psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}, f \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \hat{\Psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\mathbf{x}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\hat{\Psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{j=1}^d \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x^j),$$

and

$$\bar{\Psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{j=1}^d \bar{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x^j).$$

So, the family $\left\{ \hat{\Psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\}_{\substack{n=1, \dots, 2^k \\ m=0, \dots, M}}$ is a frame for \mathcal{H} , and the family $\left\{ \bar{\Psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\}_{\substack{n=1, \dots, 2^k \\ m=0, \dots, M}}$ is its dual. \square

Remark 2

The space $\hat{H} = \text{span} \left\{ \hat{\psi}_{n,m}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right\}_{\substack{n=1, \dots, 2^k \\ m=0, \dots, M}}$ is the vector space of polynomials of degree less than or equal to

M . So, we can separate the data by applying theorem 6 of ([6]).

4. Numerical tests

In this section, we validate the performance of our regularized Jacobi wavelets on two examples in two-dimensional space and give a geometric comparison between Jacobi kernel, Jacobi wavelets kernel and other kernels : Haar wavelet kernel, Wavelet kernel proposed by Zhang and al ([24]), Hermite and Laguerre polynomial kernel, RBF

and polynomial. In Table 1, we give the kernels which are used for our numerical tests

Jacobi	$k(x, y) = \prod_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=0}^M J_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x^j) J_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(y^j)$
Haar	$k(x, y) = \prod_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{n=1}^{2^i} \psi_{in}^H(x^j) \psi_{in}^H(y^j)$
Hermite	$k(x, y) = \prod_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=0}^M H_i(x^j) H_i(y^j)$
Laguerre	$k(x, y) = \prod_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=0}^M L_i^\alpha(x^j) L_i^\alpha(y^j)$
Wavelet	$k(x, y) = \prod_{j=1}^d \cos\left(1.75 \times \left(\frac{x^j - y^j}{a}\right)\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\ x^j - y^j\ ^2}{2a^2}\right)$
RBF	$k(x, y) = \prod_{j=1}^d \exp\left(-\frac{\ x^j - y^j\ ^2}{\gamma^2}\right)$
Polynomial	$k(x, y) = \prod_{j=1}^d (x^j \times y^j + 1)^p$

Table 1

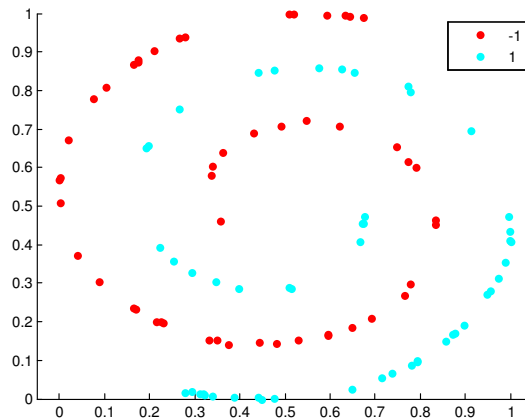


Figure 1. two spiral dataset

with the following functions ψ_{kn}^H : Haar wavelet, H_i : Hermite polynomial, L_i^α : Laguerre polynomial of order α . All this kernels have the following tuning parameters, k : dilatation parameter, n : translation parameter, M : the degree of the polynomial, γ : RBF parameter and a : Zhang wavelet parameter.

Since Jacobi wavelets are defined on $[0, 1]$, the original data should be transformed to $[0, 1]$ using this formula

$$newx_i^j = \frac{x_i^j - \min_i(x_i^j)}{\max_i(x_i^j) - \min_i(x_i^j)}, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, l, j = 1, \dots, d. \tag{14}$$

The kernels parameters are selected by using the ten-folds cross validation. First, the data are normalized by the relation (14). Then, 90% of the normalized data are chosen randomly as training set and the left ones as testing set. The best kernel parameters are the ones that gave the best accuracy over the 10 blocks. The accuracy is given by

the following formula

$$accuracy = \frac{\text{nbr of correctly predicted data}}{\text{nbr of total testing data}} \times 100.$$

We choose the variation of the parameters as follows : the parameter C equal to 2^i with $i = -5, \dots, 15$. The RBF parameter γ equal to 2^i with $i = -15, \dots, 3$. The degree of the polynomial N varies from 1 to 6. The dilatation parameter of wavelets k varies from 1 to 3 and the parameter $a = 0.5 : 0.5 : 4$. Finally, the parameters α and β varie from $-0.75 : 0.25 : 2$.

The programs used are implemented on a pc of 2.2 GHz with 4 Go of RAM for the first example, and on a pc of 3.2 GHz with 4 Go of RAM for the second example. The SVM toolbox has been used is the solver *fitsvm* of Matlab version R2014a.

4.1. Example 1 : two spiral dataset

We consider the two spiral dataset which consist of points of \mathbb{R}^2 on two intertwined spirals not lineary separable. The spiral dataset has 100 points, 50 for each class (Figure 1.)

In Table 2, we reported only the best results for each kernel and they are shown in figures 2-9

Kernel	C	N	K/ γ /a	α	β	N SVM	time	accuracy
Jacobi	2048	6	/	0.5	-0.75	30	8.3919	100%
Hermite	2048	3	/	/	/	52	0.9221	90%
Laguerre	128	6	/	-0.5	/	58	7.2587	80%
RBF	2048	/	$\gamma = 0.5$	/	/	27	0.0807	100%
polynomial	8	2	/	/	/	63	0.6528	60%
Jacobi wavelet	0.125	5	K=1	0	-0.75	47	13.1361	100%
Haar kernel	0.125		K=2	/	/	39	0.2355	90%
Wavelet kernel	512	/	a=0.5	/	/	32	6.8874	100%

Table 2

Kernel	C	N	K/ γ /a	α	β	N SVM	time	accuracy
Jacobi	2048	5	/	1.75	0.5	21	4.6894	95%
Hermite	32768	6	/	/	/	125	7.4001	70%
Laguerre	1024	5	/	-0.25	/	56	5.1282	70%
RBF	8192	/	$\gamma = 0.1250$	/	/	56	0.039	85%
polynomial	512	15	/	/	/	32	2.7863	70%
Jacobi wavelet	0.0313	1	K=2	-0.75	-0.75	175	6.817	100%
Haarkernel	1	/	K=0.0313	/	/	160	0.3193	50%
Waveletkernel	32768	/	a=0.5	/	/	26	1.5139	95%

Table 3

4.2. Example 2 : checkerboard

The second dataset used was the checkerboard consisting of 486 blue points and 514 red points. For calculations reasons, we only consider 200 points of the checkerboard chosen randomly (see Figure 10.).

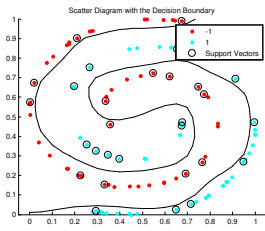


Figure 2. Jacobi kernel

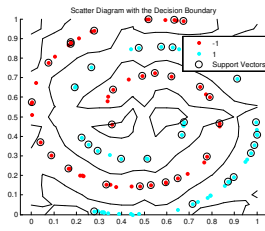


Figure 3. Jacobi wavelet kernel

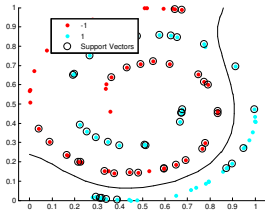


Figure 4. Laguerre kernel

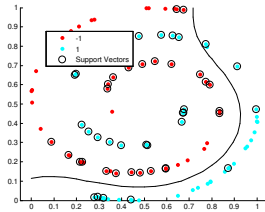


Figure 5. Hermite kernel

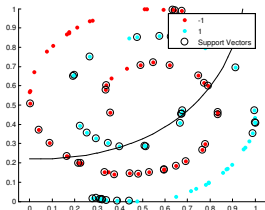


Figure 6. polynomial kernel

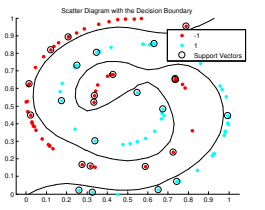


Figure 7. RBF kernel

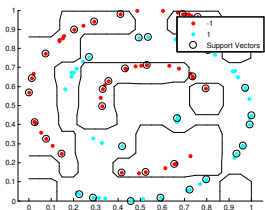


Figure 8. Haar wavelet kernel

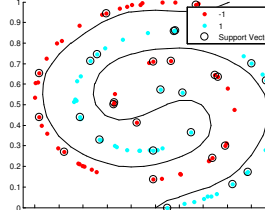


Figure 9. Wavelet kernel

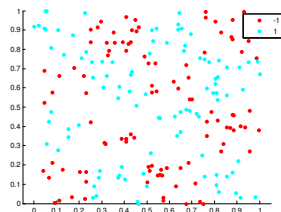


Figure 10. checker board with 200 points

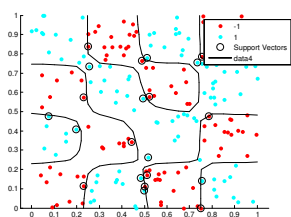


Figure 11. Jacobi kernel

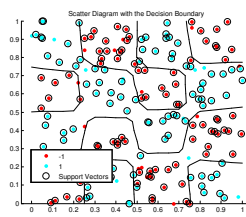


Figure 12. Jacobi wavelet kernel

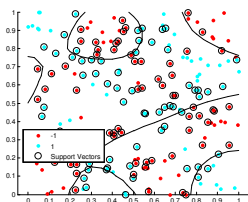


Figure 13. Hermite kernel

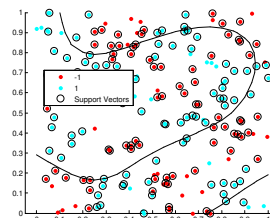


Figure 14. Laguerre kernel

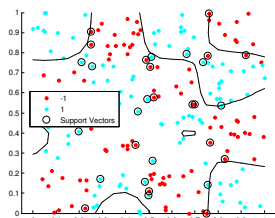


Figure 15. polynomial kernel

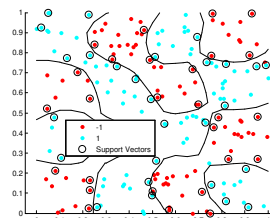


Figure 16. RBF kernel

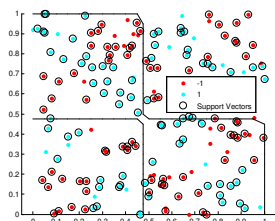


Figure 17. Haar wavelet kernel

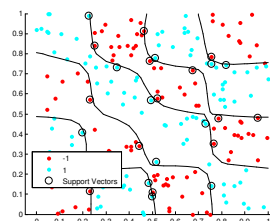


Figure 18. Wavelet kernel

The best results are reported in Table 3 and figures 11-18.

5. Conclusion

In this paper, a new kernel based on regularized Jacobi wavelets is proposed. We show that the functions belonging to the RKHS defined by the Jacobi wavelets are not all continuous, where the continuity being essential for the separation property. So, we construct another RKHS by introducing regularized Jacobi wavelets that form a frame for the new RKHS. Using frame theory, this new RKHS verified the separation properties. Experimental results show that this kernel can provide competitive results compared to other kernel functions. Kernels based on wavelets and orthogonal polynomials, have the reputation of having an expensive Gram matrix in terms of computation time,

this is known that is a big challenge for this type of kernel. However, we noticed that by reducing the number of the data in the training set, as shown by the numerical tests, our kernel always behaves well with a very competitive execution time.

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