

# Uncertainty Quantification and Quasi-Monte Carlo

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Today's lecture follows the survey article



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## Notations

- $\{1 : s\} := \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$  for  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . We use fraktur letters to denote subsets  $u \subseteq \{1 : s\}$ . We use  $|u|$  to denote the cardinality of set  $u$ .
- For  $x \geq 0$ , we define the fractional part  $\{x\} := x - \lfloor x \rfloor = \text{mod}(x, 1)$ . For  $x < 0$ ,  $\{x\} := x + \lfloor |x| \rfloor$ . For  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^s$ , we define

$$\{\mathbf{x}\} := (\{x_1\}, \{x_2\}, \dots, \{x_s\}).$$

For example,  $\{(1.2, 0.5, 2.77)\} = (0.2, 0.5, 0.77)$ .

- For  $u \subseteq \{1 : s\}$ , we define  $\mathbf{x}_u = (x_j)_{j \in u}$  and

$$\frac{\partial^{|u|}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_u} f(\mathbf{x}) := \prod_{j \in u} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f(\mathbf{x}).$$

For example, with  $u = \{1, 2, 4\}$ , we have  $|u| = 3$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_u = (x_1, x_2, x_4)$ , and

$$\frac{\partial^{|u|}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_u} f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2 \partial x_4} f(\mathbf{x}).$$

## Quasi-Monte Carlo methods

Let  $f \in C([0, 1]^s)$ . We consider the problem of approximating the high-dimensional integral

$$I_s f = \int_{[0,1]^s} f(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}.$$

*Quasi-Monte Carlo (QMC) methods* are a class of *equal weight cubature rules*

$$Q_{n,s} f = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(\mathbf{t}_i),$$

where  $(\mathbf{t}_i)_{i=0}^{n-1}$  is an ensemble of *deterministic* nodes in  $[0, 1]^s$  (**not** a random sample of  $\mathcal{U}([0, 1]^s)$ ).

QMC methods exploit the smoothness and anisotropy of an integrand in order to achieve better-than-Monte Carlo cubature convergence rates.

# Rank-1 lattice rules

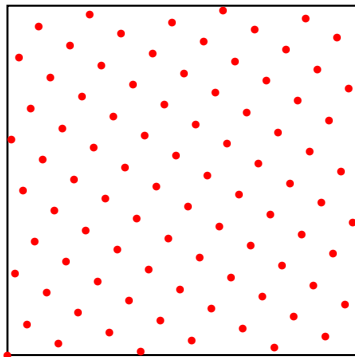
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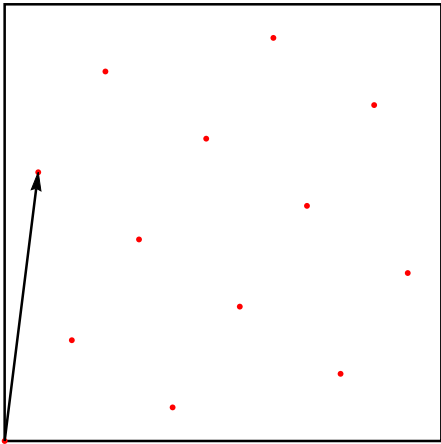
$$\mathbf{t}_i = \text{mod} \left( \frac{i\mathbf{z}}{n}, 1 \right), \quad i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\},$$

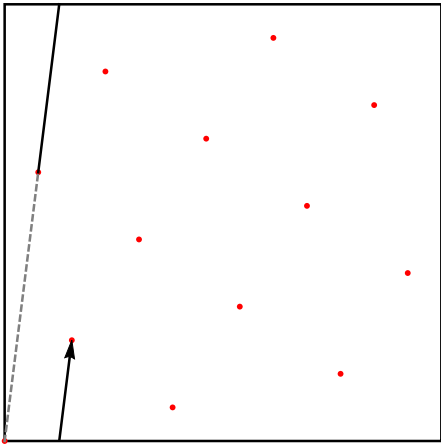
where the entire point set is determined by the *generating vector*  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{N}^s$ , with all components *coprime* to  $n$ .

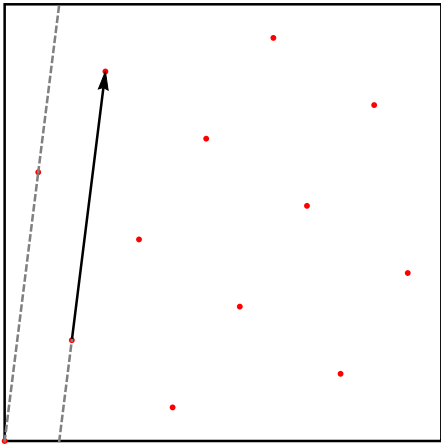


Lattice rule with  $\mathbf{z} = (1, 55)$  and  $n = 89$   
nodes in  $[0, 1]^2$

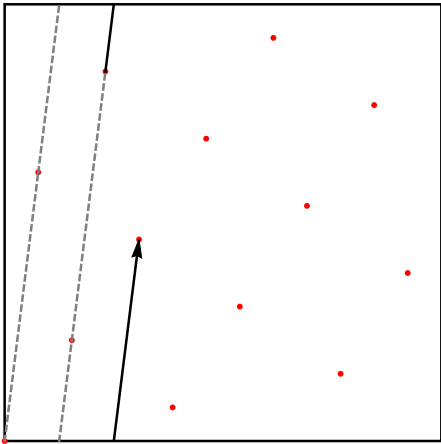
*“Lattice rules and periodic functions are a match made in heaven!” –VK*

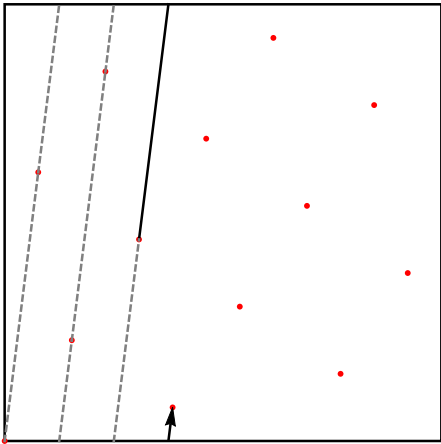


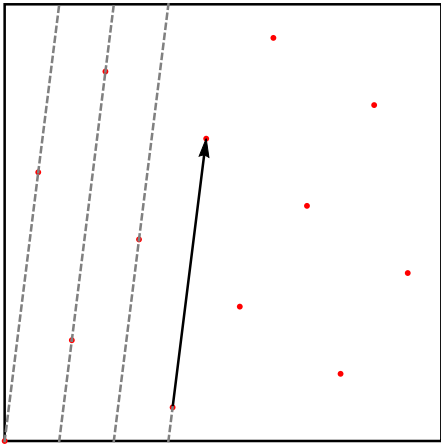


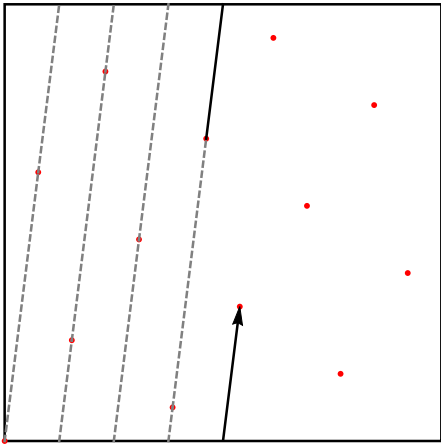


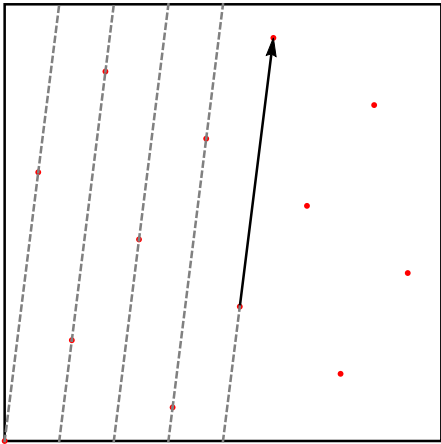


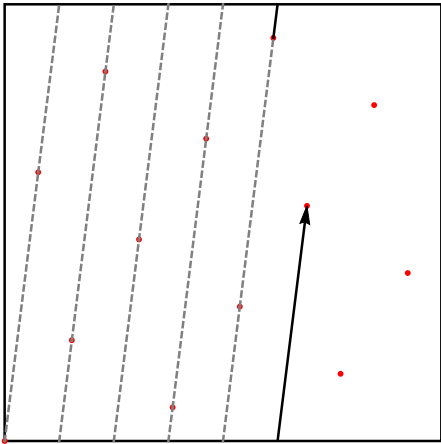


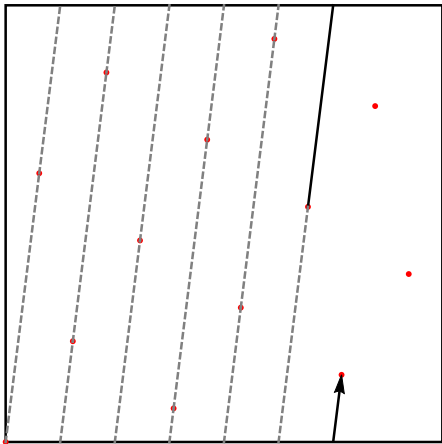


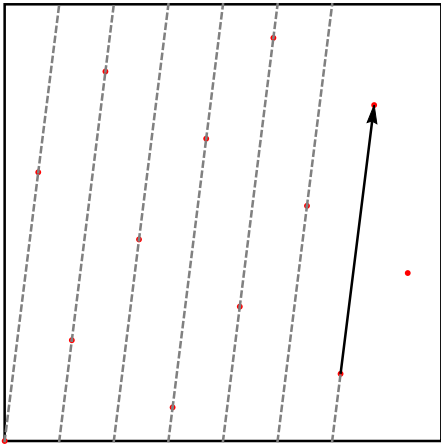




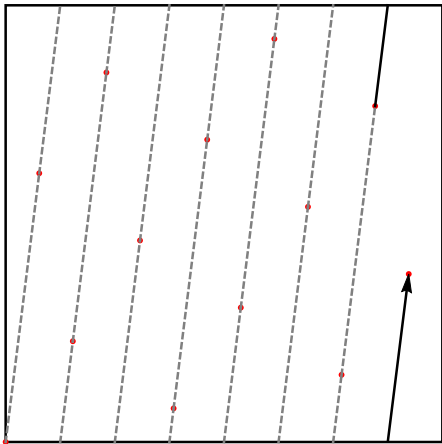












## Historical remarks on the development of lattice rules

- Number theorists (Korobov, Zaremba, Hua) in the 1950s and 60s.
- Lattice rules for multiple integration (Sloan and Kachoyan 1987; Sloan and Joe 1994).
- Weighted spaces (Sloan and Woźniakowski 1998; Hickernell 1996).
- Component-by-component (CBC) construction of lattice rules (Kuo, Joe, Sloan 2002).
- Fast CBC algorithm (Cools and Nuyens 2006; Kuo, Cools, and Nuyens 2006).
- Uncertainty quantification of PDEs using QMC methods (Kuo, Schwab, Sloan 2012).

and of course many, many others! (Dick, Giles, Goda, Graham, Kritzer, Niederreiter, Pillichshammer, Wasilkowski, ...)

Brief introduction to the classical theory of lattice rules

Let  $f: [0, 1]^s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an absolutely continuous and 1-periodic function, i.e.,

$$f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_s) = f(y_1 + 1, y_2, \dots, y_s) = f(y_1, y_2 + 1, \dots, y_s) = \dots,$$

with an absolutely convergent Fourier series

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{Z}^s} \widehat{f}(\mathbf{h}) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad \widehat{f}(\mathbf{h}) := \int_{[0,1]^s} f(\mathbf{x}) e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}} d\mathbf{x}.$$

Then the lattice rule error is precisely the sum of the integrand's Fourier coefficients over the so-called *dual lattice*.

### Theorem (Rank-1 lattice rule error)

*Under the aforementioned conditions on  $f: [0, 1]^s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , there holds*

$$Q_{n,s}(f) - I_s(f) = \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \Lambda^\perp \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} \widehat{f}(\mathbf{h}),$$

where the dual lattice

$$\Lambda^\perp := \{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{Z}^s \mid \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}\}$$

is determined entirely by the generating vector  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{N}^s$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For future convenience, let us prove a couple of helpful auxiliary identities.

### Lemma

Let  $\mathbf{h} = (h_1, \dots, h_s) \in \mathbb{Z}^s$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\int_{[0,1]^s} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}} d\mathbf{x} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{2\pi i k \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} / n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* By Fubini's theorem

$$\int_{[0,1]^s} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}} d\mathbf{x} = \prod_{j=1}^s \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i h_j x_j} dx_j, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\int_0^1 e^{2\pi i h_j x_j} dx_j = \begin{cases} \int_0^1 dx_j & \text{if } h_j = 0 \\ \left[ \frac{e^{2\pi i h_j x_j}}{2\pi i h_j} \right]_{x_j=0}^{x_j=1} & \text{if } h_j \neq 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h_j = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } h_j \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus the expression (1) is zero unless  $h_1 = h_2 = \dots = h_s = 0$ .

To prove the second claim

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{2\pi i k \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} / n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

consider two cases:

- If  $\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z}$  is a multiple of  $n$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ , then clearly

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{2\pi i k \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} / n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^0 = 1.$$

- If  $\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z}$  is not a multiple of  $n$ , then by the geometric sum formula

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{2\pi i k \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} / n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} / n} \right)^k = \frac{1}{n} \frac{1 - (e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} / n})^n}{1 - e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} / n}} = 0.$$

This yields the assertion. □

*Proof (Rank-1 lattice rule error).* Using the Fourier series representation

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{Z}^s} \widehat{f}(\mathbf{h}) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad \widehat{f}(\mathbf{h}) := \int_{[0,1]^s} f(\mathbf{x}) e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}} d\mathbf{x},$$

and noting that  $e^{2\pi i \left\{ \frac{kz}{n} \right\} \cdot \mathbf{h}} = e^{2\pi i k z \cdot \mathbf{h} / n}$ , we can change the order of the series (note that the Fourier series is absolutely convergent!) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{n,s}(f) - I_s(f) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f\left(\left\{ \frac{kz}{n} \right\}\right) - \int_{[0,1]^s} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{Z}^s} \widehat{f}(\mathbf{h}) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x} / n} - \widehat{f}(\mathbf{0}) \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{Z}^s} \widehat{f}(\mathbf{h}) \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x} / n}}_{\substack{=1 \text{ if } \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \\ =0 \text{ otherwise}}} - \widehat{f}(\mathbf{0}) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{Z}^s \\ \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}}} \widehat{f}(\mathbf{h}) - \widehat{f}(\mathbf{0}) = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{Z}^s \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} \\ \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{z} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}}} \widehat{f}(\mathbf{h}). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Ultimately, we are interested in applying lattice rules for *non-periodic*, smooth functions. We will need to put in a bit more effort to make this method work in the non-periodic setting...



Worst-case error and reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS)

## Worst-case error

In the classical study of quadrature and cubature rules, we usually consider the so-called *worst-case error*. Suppose that  $f \in H$ , where  $H$  is a Hilbert space continuously embedded in  $C([0, 1]^s)$ . Let  $I_s: H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an integral operator

$$I_s f := \int_{[0,1]^s} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}$$

and let  $Q_{n,s}: H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a QMC rule

$$Q_{n,s} f := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(\mathbf{t}_i),$$

where  $P := \{\mathbf{t}_i \in [0, 1]^s \mid 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  is a collection of cubature nodes. The worst-case error of cubature rule  $Q_{n,s}$  in  $H$  is defined by

$$e_{n,s}(P; H) := \sup_{\substack{f \in H \\ \|f\|_H \leq 1}} |I_s f - Q_{n,s} f|.$$

*Note that this is precisely the operator norm of  $\|I_s - Q_{n,s}\|_{H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}}$ .*

Since the worst-case error is just the operator norm of  $I_s - Q_{n,s}$ , we can express the cubature error as

$$|I_s f - Q_{n,s} f| \leq e_{n,s}(P; H) \|f\|_H.$$

Worst-case errors are in general hard to compute – except for the special case, when  $H$  is a *reproducing kernel Hilbert space* (RKHS).

Our strategy will be to *choose* the Hilbert space  $H$  (where our integrand  $f$  lives) to be such that it is possible to write down the expression for  $e_{n,s}(P; H)$  *explicitly* given a family of QMC rules. This allows us to analyze the dependence of the cubature error w.r.t.  $n$  and  $s$ .

We will end up taking  $H$  as an *unanchored, weighted Sobolev space* since this choice turns out to be “compatible” with the family of (randomly shifted) lattice rules!

## Reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS)

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space of functions on  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^s$ , with the property that every point evaluation is a bounded linear functional. That is, for any  $\mathbf{y} \in D$ , let

$$T_{\mathbf{y}}(f) := f(\mathbf{y}) \quad \text{for all } f \in H.$$

Then, since  $T_{\mathbf{y}}$  is a bounded linear functional, by Riesz representation theorem there exists a unique representer  $a_{\mathbf{y}} := K(\cdot, \mathbf{y}) \in H$  such that

$$T_{\mathbf{y}}(f) = \langle f, a_{\mathbf{y}} \rangle = \langle f, K(\cdot, \mathbf{y}) \rangle \quad \text{for all } f \in H.$$

The function  $K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is known as the *reproducing kernel* of  $H$ .

### Definition (Reproducing kernel)

A *reproducing kernel* of a Hilbert space  $H$  of functions on  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^s$  is a function  $K: D \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} K(\cdot, \mathbf{y}) &\in H \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{y} \in D \\ \text{and } f(\mathbf{y}) &= \langle f, K(\cdot, \mathbf{y}) \rangle \quad \text{for all } f \in H \text{ and } \mathbf{y} \in D. \end{aligned}$$

The latter property is known as the *reproducing property*.

## Remarks

- A *reproducing kernel Hilbert space* (RKHS) is a Hilbert space equipped with a reproducing kernel, or equivalently, it is a Hilbert space in which *every point evaluation is a bounded linear functional*.
- For any other bounded linear functional  $A: H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , its representer  $a \in H$  satisfying  $A(f) = \langle f, a \rangle$  for all  $f \in H$  is given by

$$a(\mathbf{y}) = \langle a, K(\cdot, \mathbf{y}) \rangle = \langle K(\cdot, \mathbf{y}), a \rangle = A(K(\cdot, \mathbf{y})) \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{y} \in D.$$

- Any reproducing kernel  $K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is symmetric in its arguments:

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = K(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in D.$$

*Proof.* For fixed  $\mathbf{y} \in D$ , apply the reproducing property to the function  $f = K(\cdot, \mathbf{y})$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= f(\mathbf{x}) = \langle f, K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) \rangle = \langle K(\cdot, \mathbf{y}), \langle K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) \rangle \rangle \\ &= \langle K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}), K(\cdot, \mathbf{y}) \rangle = K(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

## Example

Suppose that we have a Hilbert space containing continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$  with square-integrable first order derivatives, equipped with the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \left( \int_0^1 f(x) dx \right) \left( \int_0^1 g(x) dx \right) + \int_0^1 f'(x)g'(x) dx.$$

Then this space has the *reproducing kernel*

$$K(x, y) = 1 + \eta(x, y), \quad \eta(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}B_2(|x - y|) + (x - \frac{1}{2})(y - \frac{1}{2}),$$

where  $B_2(x) := x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}$  denotes the *Bernoulli polynomial of degree 2*.

That is, we claim that

$$\langle f, K(\cdot, y) \rangle = f(y) \quad \text{for all } y \in [0, 1].$$

### Example (continued)

By observing that

$$\int_0^1 K(x, y) dx = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} K(x, y) = x - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \text{sign}(x - y),$$

there holds

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, K(\cdot, y) \rangle &= \left( \int_0^1 f(x) dx \right) \underbrace{\left( \int_0^1 K(x, y) dx \right)}_{=1} + \int_0^1 f'(x) \left( x - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \text{sign}(x - y) \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_0^1 f'(x)x dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 f'(x) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^y f'(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_y^1 f'(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \cancel{f(x)} dx + \cancel{f(1)} - \int_0^1 \cancel{f(x)} dx - \frac{1}{2} \cancel{f(1)} + \frac{1}{2} \cancel{f(0)} + \frac{1}{2} f(y) - \frac{1}{2} \cancel{f(0)} - \frac{1}{2} \cancel{f(1)} + \frac{1}{2} f(y) \\ &= f(y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $y \in [0, 1]$ , as desired.

## Theorem

Let  $H := H_s(K)$  be an RKHS and let  $K: [0, 1]^s \times [0, 1]^s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a reproducing kernel that satisfies

$$\int_{[0,1]^s} \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x} \, d\mathbf{y} < \infty.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} e_{n,s}^2(P; H_s(K)) &= \int_{[0,1]^s} \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x} \, d\mathbf{y} - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} K(\mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{t}_j). \end{aligned}$$



*Proof.* For  $f \in H$ , we apply the reproducing property  $f(\mathbf{t}_k) = \langle f, K(\cdot, \mathbf{t}_k) \rangle_H$  and average the results to obtain

$$Q_{n,s}f = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(\mathbf{t}_k) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \langle f, K(\cdot, \mathbf{t}_k) \rangle_H = \left\langle f, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} K(\cdot, \mathbf{t}_k) \right\rangle_H. \quad (2)$$

Similarly, we find that

$$I_s f = \int_{[0,1]^s} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \int_{[0,1]^s} \langle f, K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) \rangle_H \, d\mathbf{x} = \left\langle f, \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right\rangle_H, \quad (3)$$

which holds provided that  $\int_{[0,1]^s} K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \in H$ . However, this is guaranteed by our assumption since

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right\|_H^2 &= \int_{[0,1]^s} \int_{[0,1]^s} \langle K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}), K(\cdot, \mathbf{y}) \rangle_H \, d\mathbf{x} \, d\mathbf{y} \\ &= \int_{[0,1]^s} \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{x} \, d\mathbf{y} < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which will hold for all the kernels we shall consider.

Taking the difference of (2) and (3) yields

$$I_s f - Q_{n,s} f = \left\langle f, \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} K(\cdot, \mathbf{t}_i) \right\rangle_H = \langle f, \xi \rangle_H,$$

where

$$\xi(\mathbf{y}) := \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} K(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{t}_i), \quad \mathbf{y} \in [0, 1]^s$$

is called the *representer* of the integration error since

$$e_{n,s}(P; H) = \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} |\langle f, \xi \rangle_H| = \|\xi\|_H.$$

Especially, the supremum is attained by  $f = \xi / \|\xi\| \in H$  and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e_{n,s}^2(P; H) &= \left\| \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} K(\cdot, \mathbf{t}_i) \right\|_H^2 \\ &= \int_{[0,1]^s} \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y} - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{[0,1]^s} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}_i) d\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} K(\mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{t}_j), \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □