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# Analysis of parametric models for coupled systems\*

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#### Abstract

In many instances one has to deal with parametric models. Such models in vector spaces are connected to a linear map. The reproducing kernel Hilbert space and affine- / linear- representations in terms of tensor products are directly related to this linear operator. This linear map leads to a generalised correlation operator, in fact it provides a factorisation of the correlation operator and of the reproducing kernel.

The spectral decomposition of the correlation and kernel, as well as the associated Karhunen-Loève- or proper orthogonal decomposition are a direct consequence. This formulation thus unifies many such constructions under a functional analytic view. Recursively applying factorisations in higher order tensor representations leads to hierarchical tensor decompositions.

This format also allows refinements for cases when the parametric model has more structure. Examples are shown for vector- and tensor-fields with certain required properties. Another kind of structure is the parametric model of a coupled system. It is shown that this can also be reflected in the theoretical framework.

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#### 1 Introduction

Parametric models are used in many areas of science, engineering, and economics to describe variations or changes of some system. They can have many different uses such as evaluating the *design* of some system, or to *control* its behaviour, or to *optimise* the performance in some way. Another important case is when some of the parameters may be uncertain and are modelled by random variables (RVs), and one wants to perform *uncertainty quantification* or *identify* some of the parameters in a mathematical model. One important consideration is the preservation of structure which one knows to be present in the system. One such structure is the consideration of *coupled systems*, and it will be shown how this can be dealt with. In fact, the coupling conditions can be one of the possible parameters.

The representations of such parametric models leads directly to reduced order models which are used to lessen the possibly high computational demand in some of the tasks described above. Such reduced models hence become parametrised. The survey [1] and the recent collection [2], as well as the references therein, provide a good account of parametric reduced order models and some of the areas where they appear. The interested reader may find there further information on parametrised reduced order models and how to generate them.

This present work is a continuation of [16] and [17], where the theoretical background of such parametrised models was treated in a functional analysis setting. For many of the theoretical details we thus refer to these publications, and especially to [17] for a more thorough account of the theory.

As an example, assume that some physical system is investigated, which is modelled by an evolution equation for its state  $u(t) \in \mathcal{V}$  at time  $t \in [0, T]$ , where  $\mathcal{V}$  is assumed to be a Hilbert space for the sake of simplicity:  $\dot{u}(t) = A(\mu; u(t)) + f(\mu; t)$ ;  $u(0) = u_0$ , where the superimposed dot signifies the time derivative, A is an operator modelling the physics of the system, and f is some external excitation. The model depends on some quantity  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  denotes the set of possible parameters, and we assume that for all  $\mu$  of interest the system is well-posed. Other than that, it is not assumed that the set  $\mathcal{M}$  has any additional structure. In this way the system state becomes a function of the parameters, and can thus be written as  $u(\mu;t)$ . Later mainly the dependence on  $\mu$  will be interesting, so that the other arguments may be dropped.

To fix ideas, take as a simple example a very simple fluid-structure interaction problem used in [14] to explain the basics of coupling algorithms: it is a mass-spring system coupled with a gas-filled piston. The governing equations are in the simplest case considered there (with slight change of notation):

$$m \, \ddot{w}(t) + k \, w(t) = S(p(t) - p_0); \qquad p(t) = p_0 \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \frac{\dot{w}(t)}{c_0}\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma - 1}}.$$

The mass m and spring constant k are properties of the mass-spring system with displacement w(t) coupled over the surface S with the gas-filled piston with pressure p(t). The equilibrium pressure is  $p_0$ , and  $c_0$  is the speed of sound in the gas with specific heat ratios  $\gamma$ . Introducing the velocity  $v(t) = \dot{w}(t)$ , the state of the system is given by  $u = [w, v]^{\mathsf{T}}$ , the system depends on the parameters  $\mu = (m, k, S, c_0, \gamma - 1)$ , the state Hilbert space is  $\mathcal{V} = \mathbb{R}^2$ , the set  $\mathcal{M}$  can be taken as  $\mathcal{M} = \{(\mu_j)_{j=1...5} \mid \mu_j > 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^5$ , and the problem

 $\dot{u}(t) = A(\mu; u(t)) + f(\mu; t)$  becomes:

$$\dot{u}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{w}(t) \\ \dot{v}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v(t) \\ -\frac{k}{m}w(t) + \frac{Sp_0}{m}\left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2}\frac{v(t)}{c_0}\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma - 1}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{Sp_0}{m} \end{bmatrix}. (1)$$

A little twist can be given to this by assuming that some, or all, of the parameters are random variables; say for example the spring stiffness k. Formally, this is a measurable function from some probability space into the real numbers:  $k: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ . This makes also the displacement w and velocity v into random variables  $w, v: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ . If we assume that all involved random variables have finite variance, i.e.  $k, w, v \in L_2(\Omega)$ , then the parameter set could be taken as  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}_+ \times L_2(\Omega) \times \mathbb{R}^3_+$ , and the state space would be the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{V} = L_2(\Omega)^2$ . Such probabilistic examples have prompted much of the theory and terminology [13], and such probabilistic problems are treated specifically in the present framework in [15]; but here we do not want to digress and keep the focus on coupled systems.

A bit more involved is the following example from [18], it is a kind of generic example of fluid-structure interaction. The fluid is described by the incompressible Navier-Stokes equation in arbitrary Lagrangean-Eulerian (ALE) formulation in a domain  $\Omega_f$ :

$$\rho_f(\dot{v} + ((v - \dot{\chi}) \cdot \nabla)v) - \operatorname{div}\sigma + \nabla p = r_f, \tag{2}$$

$$2\sigma = \nu_f(\nabla v + (\nabla v)^\mathsf{T}), \quad \text{div } v = 0, \tag{3}$$

where  $\rho_f$  and  $\nu_f$  are the fluid mass-density and viscosity, v(x,t) is the fluid velocity-field,  $\sigma(x,t)$  is the viscous stress in the fluid,  $r_f(x,t)$  are the volume forces in the fluid, and the pressure p(x,t) is the Lagrange multiplier for the incompressibility constraint, whereas  $\chi(x,t)$  is the movement of the ALE background reference system. On part of the boundary  $\Gamma_c \subset \partial \Omega_f$  the fluid is coupled to an elastic solid, described in the solid domain  $\Omega_s$  (with also  $\Gamma_c \subset \partial \Omega_s$ ) in a Lagrangean or material frame by

$$\rho_s \ddot{w} - \operatorname{div}(FS) = r_s, \quad F = \nabla w, \tag{4}$$

$$S = \lambda_s(\operatorname{tr} E)I + 2\mu_s E, \quad 2E = C - I, \quad C = F^{\mathsf{T}} F, \tag{5}$$

where  $\rho_s$  is the solid mass-density and  $\lambda_s$ ,  $\mu_s$  are the elastic Lamé moduli, w(x,t) is the solid displacement-field and F its gradient, S(x,t) is the elastic 2nd Piola-Kirchhoff stress in the solid,  $r_s(x,t)$  are the solid volume forces, and the Lagrange-Green strain E is stated in terms of the Cauchy-Green strain tensor C. The position of a solid particle which was at position x at time t=0 is w(x,t)+x. Hence at the each point  $\chi(x,t)=w(x,t)+x$  on the coupling boundary  $\Gamma_c$  with normal n(x,t) one has the condition that the velocities of fluid and solid have to match

$$v(\chi(x,t),t) = \dot{w}(x,t). \tag{6}$$

The solution (v, p) to the fluid part Eq. (2) and Eq. (3) lives in a Hilbert space  $H(\operatorname{div})(\Omega_f) \times L_2(\Omega_f)$ , whereas the displacement w of the solid part can be envisioned in  $H^1(\Omega_s)^3$  with a velocity  $\dot{w} \in H^1(\Omega_s)^3$ . The state of the system  $(v, p, w, \dot{w})$  is thus in the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{V} = H(\operatorname{div})(\Omega_f) \times L_2(\Omega_f) \times H^1(\Omega_s)^6$ . The parameters can for example be the material constants for fluid and solid  $\mu = (\rho_f, \nu_f, \rho_s, \lambda_s, \mu_s)$  such that the set  $\mathcal{M}$  can be taken again

as  $\mathcal{M} = \{(\mu_j)_{j=1..5} \mid \mu_j > 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^5$ , or it can be the smooth initial shape  $\chi_0(x)$  of the coupling boundary  $\Gamma_c$ , such that  $\mu = \chi_0$  and  $\mathcal{M} \subset C^1(\Omega_c)$  with the boundary description  $\Omega_c \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ ; or a combination of these two cases.

With these two examples in mind, turning again to the general description, one is interested in how the system changes when these parameters  $\mu$  change. As we have seen in the above examples, these can be something specific describing the operator, or the initial condition, or specifying the excitation, etc. [1]. One may be interested in the state of the system  $u(\mu;t)$ , or some functional of it, say  $\Psi(\mu)$ . In the first example this could for example be the maximum acceleration  $\Psi(\mu) = \max_t \ddot{w}(\mu;t)$ . While evaluating  $A(\mu;\hat{u}(t))$ —for some trial state  $\hat{u}(t)$ —or  $f(\mu;t)$  for a certain  $\mu$  may be straightforward, there are situations where evaluating  $u(\mu;t)$  or  $\Psi(\mu)$  may be very costly.

In this situation one is interested in representations of  $u(\mu;t)$  or  $\Psi(\mu)$  which allow a cheaper evaluation, these are called *proxy*- or *surrogate*-models, among others. Any such parametric object can be analysed by linear maps which are associated with such representations. This association of parametric models and linear mappings has probably been known for a long time, see [13] for an exposition in the context of stochastic models.

It should be pointed out that the exposition here is a general technique which can be used to analyse any parametric model and its approximations, where the parameters can be of whatever nature, e.g. just some numbers, or functions, or random variables, etc., and not so much something to be directly implemented. It is shown though that in the framework of orthogonal bases it has a direct connection with proper orthogonal decomposition (POD) and Karhunen-Loève expansions. As will be seen, it also connects with representations in tensor product spaces, which allows numerically to use low-rank tensor approximations [10, 16]. It is furthermore also connected with non-orthogonal decompositions which are easier to compute, like the *proper generalised decomposition* (PGD) [4]. Here we shall only consider orthogonal bases for the sake of conciseness of exposition.

Whereas the parametric map may be quite complicated, the association with a linear map translates the whole problem into one of linear functional analysis, and into linear algebra upon approximation and actual numerical computation.

## 2 Parametric models and reproducing kernel

This is a short recap of the developments in [17], where the interested reader may find more detail. Let  $r: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{U}$  be one of the objects alluded to in the introduction, where  $\mathcal{M}$  is some set without any further assumed structure, and  $\mathcal{U}$  is assumed for the sake of simplicity as a separable Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{U}}$ .

Assume without significant loss of generality that  $\operatorname{span} r(\mathcal{M}) = \operatorname{span} \operatorname{im} r \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ , the subspace of  $\mathcal{U}$  which is spanned by all the vectors  $\{r(\mu) \mid \mu \in \mathcal{M}\}$ , is dense in  $\mathcal{U}$  — otherwise we just restrict ourselves to the closure of  $\operatorname{span} r(\mathcal{M}) = \operatorname{span} \operatorname{im} r$ . Then to each such function r one may associate a linear map  $\tilde{R}: \mathcal{U} \ni u \mapsto \langle r(\cdot) | u \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{M}}$ , the real-valued functions on the set  $\mathcal{M}$ . As a motivation, one may think of such functions as providing a 'co-ordinate system' on the otherwise unstructured set  $\mathcal{M}$ . By construction,  $\tilde{R}$  restricted to  $\operatorname{span} \operatorname{im} r = \operatorname{span} r(\mathcal{M})$  is injective, and has an inverse on its restricted range range  $\tilde{R}:=\tilde{R}(\operatorname{span}\operatorname{im} r)\subseteq\mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{M}}$ . This may be used to define an inner product on  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$  as

$$\forall \phi, \psi \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}} \quad \langle \phi | \psi \rangle_{\mathcal{R}} := \langle \tilde{R}^{-1} \phi | \tilde{R}^{-1} \psi \rangle_{\mathcal{U}}, \tag{7}$$

and to denote the completion of  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$  with this inner product by  $\mathcal{R}$ . One immediately obtains that  $\tilde{R}^{-1}$  is a bijective isometry between span im r and  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ , hence extends to a *unitary* map between  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$ , as does  $\tilde{R}$ .

Given the maps  $r: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{U}$  and  $\tilde{R}: \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{R}$ , one may define the reproducing kernel [3, 11] given by  $\varkappa(\mu_1, \mu_2) := \langle r(\mu_1) | r(\mu_2) \rangle_{\mathcal{U}}$ . It is straightforward to verify that  $\varkappa(\mu, \cdot) \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ , and span $\{\varkappa(\mu, \cdot) \mid \mu \in \mathcal{M}\} = \tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ , as well as the reproducing property  $\phi(\mu) = \langle \varkappa(\mu, \cdot) | \phi \rangle_{\mathcal{R}}$  for all  $\phi \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ .

On this reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS)  $\mathcal{R}$  one can build a first representation. As  $\mathcal{U}$  is separable, so is  $\mathcal{R}$ , and one may choose a complete orthonormal system (CONS)  $\{\varphi_m\}_{m\in\mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ . Then with the CONS  $\{y_m \mid y_m = \tilde{R}^{-1}\varphi_m = \tilde{R}^*\varphi_m\}_{m\in\mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ , the unitary operator  $\tilde{R}$ , and its adjoint or inverse  $\tilde{R}^* = \tilde{R}^{-1}$ , and the parametric element  $r(\mu)$  become [17]

$$\tilde{R} = \sum_{m} \varphi_{m} \otimes y_{m};$$
 i.e.  $\tilde{R}(u)(\cdot) = \sum_{m} \langle y_{m} | u \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} \varphi_{m}(\cdot), \quad \tilde{R}^{*} = \tilde{R}^{-1} = \sum_{m} y_{m} \otimes \varphi_{m};$ 

$$r(\mu) = \sum_{m} \varphi_{m}(\mu) y_{m} = \sum_{m} \varphi_{m}(\mu) \, \tilde{R}^{*} \varphi_{m}. \quad (8)$$

Observe that the relations Eq. (8) exhibit the tensorial nature of the representation mapping. One sees that model reductions may be achieved by choosing only subspaces of  $\mathcal{R}$ , i.e. a—typically finite—subset of  $\{\varphi_m\}_m$ . Furthermore, the representation of  $r(\mu)$  in Eq. (8) is linear in the new 'parameters'  $\varphi_m$ .

## 3 Correlation and kernel space

The RKHS construction  $\mathcal{R}$  of Section 2 just mirrors or reproduces the inner product structure on the original space  $\mathcal{U}$ . There is presently no way of telling what is important in the parameter set  $\mathcal{M}$ . For this one needs additional information. As a way of indicating what is important on the set  $\mathcal{M}$ , assume that there is another inner product  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{Q}}$  for scalar functions  $\phi \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{M}}$ , and denote the Hilbert space of functions with that inner product by  $\mathcal{Q}$ . We define a linear map in the same way as the map  $\tilde{R}$  in Section 2, but as it now has a different range or image space  $-\mathcal{Q}$  instead of  $\mathcal{R}$  — and denote the map by  $R: \mathcal{U} \ni u \mapsto \langle r(\cdot) | u \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} \in \mathcal{Q}$ . As the inner product on the image space has changed, the map R, unlike the map  $\tilde{R}$  in Section 2, will in general not be unitary any more. Also assume that the subspace dom  $R = \{u \in \mathcal{U} \mid ||Ru||_{\mathcal{Q}} < \infty\}$  is, if not the whole space  $\mathcal{U}$ , at least dense in  $\mathcal{U}$ , and that the densely defined operator R is closed. These are essentially requirements that the topologies on  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$  fit in some way with the map  $r: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{U}$ . But to make things even simpler, assume here that R is defined on the whole space and hence continuous, and still injective, unless explicitly otherwise stated.

With this, one may define [13, 17] a densely defined map C in  $\mathcal{U}$  through the bilinear form

$$\forall u, v \in \mathcal{U}: \quad \langle Cu|v\rangle_{\mathcal{U}} := \langle Ru|Rv\rangle_{\mathcal{Q}}. \tag{9}$$

The map C, which may also be written as  $C = R^*R$ , may be called the *'correlation'* operator. By construction it is self-adjoint and positive, and if R is continuous so is C. In case the inner product  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{Q}}$  comes from a measure  $\varpi$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ , so that for two functions

 $\phi$  and  $\psi$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  one has

$$\langle \phi | \psi \rangle_{\mathcal{Q}} := \int_{\mathcal{M}} \phi(\mu) \psi(\mu) \ \varpi(\mathrm{d}\mu), \text{ such that from Eq. (9)}$$

$$\langle Cu|v\rangle_{\mathcal{U}} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \langle r(\mu)|u\rangle_{\mathcal{U}} \langle r(\mu)|v\rangle_{\mathcal{U}} \ \varpi(\mathrm{d}\mu), \text{ i.e. } C = R^*R = \int_{\mathcal{M}} r(\mu) \otimes r(\mu) \ \varpi(\mathrm{d}\mu).$$

The space Q may then be taken as  $Q := L_2(\mathcal{M}, \varpi)$ . A special case is when  $\varpi$  is a probability measure,  $\varpi(\mathcal{M}) = 1$ , this inspired the term 'correlation' [13].

In Section 2 it was the factorisation of  $C = R^*R$  which allowed the RKHS representation in Eq. (8). For other representations, one needs other factorisations. Most common is to use the spectral decomposition (e.g. [8]) of C to achieve such a factorisation.

On infinite dimensional Hilbert spaces self-adjoint operators may have a continuous spectrum, e.g. [8]. To make everything as simple as possible to explain the main underlying idea, we shall from now on assume that C is a non-singular trace class or nuclear operator. This means that it is compact, the spectrum  $\sigma(C)$  is a point spectrum, has a CONS  $\{v_m\}_m$  consisting of eigenvectors, with each eigenvalue  $\lambda_m \geq \lambda_{m+1} \cdots \geq 0$  positive and counted decreasingly according to their finite multiplicity, and has finite trace tr  $C = \sum_m \lambda_m < \infty$ . Then a version of the spectral decomposition of C is

$$C = \sum_{m} \lambda_m (v_m \otimes v_m). \tag{10}$$

Define a new CONS  $\{s_m\}_m$  in  $\mathcal{Q}$ :  $\lambda_m^{1/2}s_m := Rv_m$ , to obtain the corresponding singular value decomposition (SVD) of R and  $R^*$ :

$$R = \sum_{m} \lambda_{m}^{\frac{1}{2}}(s_{m} \otimes v_{m}); \text{ i.e. } R(u)(\cdot) = \sum_{m} \langle v_{m} | u \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} s_{m}(\cdot), \quad R^{*} = \sum_{m} \lambda_{m}^{\frac{1}{2}}(v_{m} \otimes s_{m});$$
$$r(\mu) = \sum_{m} \lambda_{m}^{\frac{1}{2}} s_{m}(\mu) v_{m} = \sum_{m} s_{m}(\mu) R^{*} s_{m}, \text{ as } R^{*} s_{m} = \lambda_{m}^{\frac{1}{2}} v_{m}. \quad (11)$$

The set  $\varsigma(R) = \{\lambda_m^{1/2}\}_m = \sqrt{\sigma(C)} \subset \mathbb{R}_+$  are the singular values of R and  $R^*$ . The last relation is the so-called Karhunen-Loève expansion or proper orthogonal decomposition (POD). The finite trace condition of C translates into the fact that r is in  $\mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{Q}$ . If in that relation the sum is truncated at  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e.

$$r(\mu) \approx r_n(\mu) = \sum_{m=1}^n \lambda_m^{\frac{1}{2}} s_m(\mu) v_m = \sum_{m=1}^n s_m(\mu) R^* s_m,$$
 (12)

we obtain the best n-term approximation to  $r(\mu)$  in the norm of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Observe that, similarly to Eq. (8), r is linear in the  $s_m$ . This means that by choosing the 'co-ordinate transformation'  $\mathcal{M} \ni \mu \mapsto (s_1(\mu), \dots, s_m(\mu), \dots) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  one obtains a linear / affine representation where the first co-ordinates are the most important ones.

A formulation of the spectral decomposition different from Eq. (10) does not require C to be nuclear [8], nor does C or R have to be continuous. The self-adjoint and positive operator  $C: \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{U}$  is unitarily equivalent with a multiplication operator  $M_{\gamma}$ ,

$$C = V M_{\gamma} V^*, \tag{13}$$

where  $V: L_2(\mathcal{T}) \to \mathcal{U}$  is unitary between some  $L_2(\mathcal{T})$  on a measure space  $\mathcal{T}$  and the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{U}$ , and  $M_{\gamma}$  is a multiplication operator, multiplying any  $\psi \in L_2(\mathcal{T})$  with a real-valued function  $\gamma$ . In case C is bounded, so is  $\gamma \in L_{\infty}(\mathcal{T})$ . As C is positive,  $\gamma(t) \geq 0$  for  $t \in \mathcal{T}$ , the essential range of  $\gamma$  is the spectrum of C, and  $M_{\gamma}$  is self-adjoint and positive. Its square root is  $M_{\gamma}^{1/2} := M_{\sqrt{\gamma}}$ , from which one obtains the square-root of  $C^{1/2} = V M_{\sqrt{\gamma}} V^*$ . The factorisation corresponding to  $C = R^* R$  with the square-root is  $C = (V M_{\sqrt{\gamma}})(V M_{\sqrt{\gamma}})^* =: G^* G$ . Another possibility is  $C = (C^{1/2})^* C^{1/2} = C^{1/2} C^{1/2}$ . From this follows another formulation of the singular value decomposition (SVD) of R and  $R^*$  with a unitary  $U: L_2(\mathcal{T}) \to \mathcal{Q}$ :

$$R = UM_{\sqrt{\mu}}V^*, \quad R^* = VM_{\sqrt{\mu}}U^*. \tag{14}$$

These are all examples of a general factorisation  $C = B^*B$ , where  $B : \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{H}$  is a map to a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with all the properties demanded from R—see the beginning of this section. It can be shown [17] that any two such factorisations  $B_1 : \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $B_2 : \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{H}_2$  with  $C = B_1^*B_1 = B_2^*B_2$  are unitarily equivalent in that there is a unitary map  $X_{21} : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_2$  such that  $B_2 = X_{21}B_1$ . Equivalently, each such factorisation is unitarily equivalent to R, i.e. there is a unitary  $X : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{Q}$  such that R = XB. For finite dimensional spaces, a favourite choice is the Cholesky factorisation  $C = LL^{\mathsf{T}}$ , where  $B = L^{\mathsf{T}}$  and  $B^* = L$ .

In the situation where C has a purely discrete spectrum and a CONS of eigenvectors  $\{v_m\}_m$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ , the map B from the decomposition  $C = B^*B$  can be used to define a CONS  $\{h_m\}_m$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ :  $h_m := BC^{-1/2}v_m$ , which is an eigenvector CONS of the operator  $C_{\mathcal{H}} := BB^* : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ , with  $C_{\mathcal{H}}h_m := \lambda_m h_m$ , see [17]. From this follows a SVD of B and  $B^*$  analogous to Eq. (11). Taking the special case  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{Q}$  with  $C_{\mathcal{Q}} = RR^*$ , we see that  $C_{\mathcal{Q}}s_m = \lambda_m s_m$ , and  $s_m = UV^*v_m$ , as well as  $C_{\mathcal{Q}} = UV^*CVU^*$ .

From the factorisation and Karhunen-Loève expansion in Eq. (11) one has  $r(\mu) = \sum_m s_m(\mu) R^* s_m$ . With other equivalent factorisations  $C = B^* B$  one obtains new representations in an analogous manner. The main result is [17] that in the case of a nuclear C every factorisation leads to a separated representation in terms of a series, and vice versa. The associated 'correlations'  $C_{\mathcal{Q}} = RR^*$  on  $\mathcal{Q}$  resp.  $C_{\mathcal{H}} = BB^*$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  have the same spectrum as C, and factorisations of  $C_{\mathcal{Q}}$  resp.  $C_{\mathcal{H}}$  induce new factorisations of C.

The abstract equation  $C_{\mathcal{Q}} = UV^*CVU^* = UM_{\gamma}U^* = \sum_m \lambda_m s_m \otimes s_m$  can be spelt out in more analytical detail for the special case when the inner product on  $\mathcal{Q}$  is given by a measure  $\varpi$  on  $\mathcal{P}$ . It then becomes for all  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{Q}$ :

$$\langle C_{\mathcal{Q}} \varphi | \psi \rangle_{\mathcal{Q}} = \sum_{m} \lambda_{m} \langle \varphi | s_{m} \rangle_{\mathcal{Q}} \langle s_{m} | \psi \rangle_{\mathcal{Q}} = \langle R^{*} \varphi | R^{*} \psi \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} =$$

$$\iint_{\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}} \varphi(\mu_{1}) \varkappa(\mu_{1}, \mu_{2}) \psi(\mu_{2}) \ \varpi(\mathrm{d}\mu_{1}) \varpi(\mathrm{d}\mu_{2}) =$$

$$\iint_{\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}} \varphi(\mu_{1}) \left( \sum_{m} \lambda_{m} s_{m}(\mu_{1}) s_{m}(\mu_{2}) \right) \psi(\mu_{2}) \ \varpi(\mathrm{d}\mu_{1}) \varpi(\mathrm{d}\mu_{2}) =$$

$$\sum_{m} \lambda_{m} \left( \int_{\mathcal{M}} \varphi(\mu) s_{m}(\mu) \ \varpi(\mathrm{d}\mu) \right) \left( \int_{\mathcal{M}} s_{m}(\mu) \psi(\mu) \varpi(\mathrm{d}\mu) \right),$$

i.e.  $C_{\mathcal{Q}}$  is a Fredholm integral operator and its spectral decomposition is nothing but the

familiar theorem of Mercer [7] for the kernel  $\varkappa(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \sum_m \lambda_m s_m(\mu_1) s_m(\mu_2)$ . Factorisations of  $C_{\mathcal{Q}}$  are then usually factorisations of the kernel  $\varkappa(\mu_1, \mu_2)$ .

An example is if on some measure space  $(\mathcal{X}, \nu)$  it holds that  $\varkappa(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} g(\mu_1, x) g(\mu_2, x) \ \nu(\mathrm{d}x)$ , then the integral transform with kernel g will play the role of a factor as before did the mappings R or B, leading to a new Karhunen-Loève-like representation of r. The abstract setting outlined in this section can hence be applied to the analysis of a great number of different situations, of any kind of representation of  $r(\mu)$ , see [17] for more detail, and [15] for the case where essentially  $\mu$  is a random variable.

Let us remark how this framework here may be extended when the assumptions at the beginning of this section are not satisfied. In case the parametric map  $r: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{U}$  maps not into a Hilbert space, but only into a locally convex topological vector space (LCTVS), it is still possible to define a corresponding linear map and a correlation operator. Denote the continuous dual space of  $\mathcal{U}$  by  $\mathcal{U}^*$  and define a linear map by  $S: \mathcal{U}^* \ni u^* \mapsto S(u^*) := \langle u^*, r(\cdot) \rangle_* \in \mathcal{Q}$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_*$  is the duality pairing on  $\mathcal{U}^* \times \mathcal{U}$ . The Hilbert space  $\mathcal{Q}$  is still identified with its dual, although one could also make generalisations here. Then the dual map  $S^*: \mathcal{Q} \to \mathcal{U} - \text{w.r.t.}$  the weak\* topology on  $\mathcal{U}^* - \text{is defined}$  as usual by  $\langle u^*, S^*\phi \rangle_* := \langle Su^*|\phi\rangle_{\mathcal{Q}}$ . This allows us to define a 'correlation'  $C_S: \mathcal{U}^* \to \mathcal{U}$  by  $C_S = S^*S$ , i.e.  $\langle u^*, C_S v^* \rangle_* := \langle Su^*|Sv^* \rangle_{\mathcal{Q}}$ . The dual map  $S^*: \mathcal{Q} \to \mathcal{U}$  can still provide a representation. Other factorisations of  $C_S$  such as  $C_S = B^*B$ , where  $B: \mathcal{U}^* \to \mathcal{H}$ —a Hilbert space identified with its dual — can provide alternative representations via the map  $B^*: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{U}$ . But spectral theory can not be used easily as we are not in a Hilbert space and domain and range or image space are not the same for  $C_S$ .

A frequent situation where some further development is possible is as follows: there is an injective continuous map  $T: \mathcal{Z} \to \mathcal{U}$  from a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{Z}$ , which will be a pivot space identified with its dual into the space  $\mathcal{U}$ , such that the subspace  $T(\mathcal{Z}) \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  is dense. Then the dual map  $T^*: \mathcal{U}^* \to \mathcal{Z}$  is also injective and continuous,  $T := T^*(\mathcal{U}^*) \subseteq \mathcal{Z}$  is dense in  $\mathcal{Z}$ , and we have a Gel'fand-like triplet of spaces

$$\mathcal{U}^* \stackrel{T^*}{\to} \mathcal{Z} \stackrel{T}{\to} \mathcal{U}.$$

On the dense subspace  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{Z}$  the map  $T^*$  is invertible,  $J := T_{|\mathcal{T}}^{-*} : \mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{U}^*$ . This allows one to define a mapping R and a 'correlation' C densely defined on  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{Z}$ :

$$R:=S\circ J:\mathcal{T}\overset{J}{\to}\mathcal{U}^*\overset{S}{\to}\mathcal{Q}\quad\text{and}\quad C:=R^*R=J^*S^*SJ=J^*C_SJ:\mathcal{T}\to\mathcal{Z}.$$

We view C now as a self-adjoint positive operator densely defined in the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{Z}$ , and we are in the previously described Hilbert space setting.

A typical occurance of such a situation is the case when  $\mathcal{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{U}$  is a continuously embedded Hilbert space, the map T is then just the identity. A concrete example of this is  $r: \mathcal{M} \to \mathscr{S}'(\Omega)$ , a parametric map into the Schwartz space of tempered distributions. As the dual of  $\mathcal{U} := \mathscr{S}'(\Omega)$  in the weak\* topology is  $\mathcal{U}^* = \mathscr{S}(\Omega)$ , the test space of rapidly decaying smooth functions, we have the continuous embeddings  $\mathcal{U}^* = \mathscr{S}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{Z} := L_2(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathscr{S}'(\Omega) = \mathcal{U}$ . Hence one may define the densely defined maps  $R: \mathcal{T} := \mathscr{S}(\Omega) \to \mathcal{Q}$  and  $C: \mathcal{Z} := L_2(\Omega) \to \mathcal{Z}$ , given for  $f, g \in \mathscr{S}(\Omega)$  by the bilinear form  $\langle Cf|g\rangle_{L_2} = \langle Rf|Rg\rangle_{\mathcal{Q}} = \langle \langle r(\cdot), f\rangle_{\mathscr{S}}|\langle r(\cdot), g\rangle_{\mathscr{S}}\rangle_{\mathcal{Q}}$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathscr{S}}$  is the duality pairing on  $\mathscr{S}'(\Omega) \times \mathscr{S}(\Omega)$ .

## 4 Structure preservation and coupled systems

The main feature up to now was the mapping  $r: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{U}$  and the associated linear map  $R: \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{M}}$ , and the resulting tensor representation of  $r \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{Q}$ . Here we mention some possible refinements and extensions which try to make some known structure in the parametric model explicitly visible.

One frequent situation is that the parameter space is a product space, say  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{M}_2$  and a corresponding factorisation of the space  $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q}_1 \otimes \mathcal{Q}_2$ , where  $\mathcal{Q}_1 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{M}_1}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{M}_2}$ . Then the functions  $\phi(\mu) \in \mathcal{Q}$  are linear combinations of products  $\varphi(\mu_1)\psi(\mu_2)$ , with  $\varphi(\mu_1) \in \mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $\psi(\mu_2) \in \mathcal{Q}_2$ . Now such a product may be seen as a parametric mapping

$$\varrho: \mathcal{M}_2 \ni \mu_2 \mapsto \varphi(\cdot)\psi(\mu_2) \in \mathcal{Q}_1;$$

and by setting

$$Q = \mathcal{U}_* \otimes Q_* = Q_1 \otimes Q_2, \tag{15}$$

the theory of the preceding sections may now be applied to the parametric map  $\varrho$  and its tensor product representation in  $\mathcal{U}_* \otimes \mathcal{Q}_*$  to get a refined representation of the complete model. This shows how the product structure of the parameter set  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{M}_2$  expresses itself in the representation. In some way the full parameter set is a *coupled* object, and some of this is reflected in the factorisation. But for a real coupled system we will demand a bit more, as will be explained later.

It is now not difficult to see that in case  $\mathcal{M} = \prod_j \mathcal{M}_j$  with corresponding  $\mathcal{Q} = \bigotimes_j \mathcal{Q}_j$  and  $j \in \mathcal{J} \subset \mathbb{N}$ , this may be further factorised by different associations depending on a partition of the parameter set  $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{J}_1 \cup \mathcal{J}_2$  into two disjoint sets  $\mathcal{J}_1 \cap \mathcal{J}_2 = \emptyset$ :

$$Q = \mathcal{U}_* \otimes Q_* = \left(\bigotimes_{k \in \mathcal{J}_1} \mathcal{Q}_k\right) \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{k \in \mathcal{J}_2} \mathcal{Q}_k\right). \tag{16}$$

Each of the factors can then be recursively factorised further, and this leads to hierarchical tensor approximations, e.g. [10, 16].

Of course it is possible to split the tensor product in different ways, and the grouping of indices can be viewed as a tree. The well-known canonical polyadic (CP) decomposition uses the flat tensor product in Eq. (16). It has also been published as so-called proper generalised decomposition (PGD) as a computational method to solve high-dimensional problems, see the review [5] and the monograph [4]. But recursive splittings of Eq. (16) yield deep or hierarchical tensor approximations. Particular formats are the tensor train (TT) and more generally the hierarchical Tucker (HT) decompositions, see the review [9] and the monograph [10]. These hierarchical low-rank tensor representations are connected with deep neural networks [6, 12]. It is the eigenvalue structure of the correlation C or equivalently the structure of the singular values of the associated linear map R in the particular splitting Eq. (16) which determines how many terms a series representation needs to be a good reduced model with a certain accuracy.

Another frequent case is that the role of the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{Q}$  is taken by a tensor product  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{E}$ , where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is as before but  $\mathcal{E}$  is a *finite-dimensional* inner-product (Hilbert) space [13]. Such a situation arises when the parametric model is in  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{E}$ , where  $\mathcal{U}$  is an unspecified Hilbert space as before, and one wants to see the 'small' space

 $\mathcal{E}$  separately. The parametric map can be defined as follows:

$$r: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{E}; \quad r(\mu) = \sum_{k} r_k(\mu) \mathbf{r}_k,$$
 (17)

where as before  $r_k(\mu) \in \mathcal{U}$  and the  $r_k \in \mathcal{E}$ . Typically the index k will range over the finite dimension of  $\mathcal{E}$ , and the  $\{r_k\}_k$  are a suitable basis. An example of such a situation is a vector field over some manifold. If at each point the vector is in the finite-dimensional space  $\mathcal{E}$ , e.g. the tangent space of the manifold, we model this by a tensor product  $\mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{E}$ , where  $\mathcal{U}$  is some Hilbert space of scalar valued functions on the manifold.

The 'correlation' can now be given by a bilinear form. The densely defined map  $C_{\mathcal{E}}$  in  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{E}$  is defined on elementary tensors  $u = u \otimes u$ ,  $v = v \otimes v \in \mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{E}$  as

$$\langle C_{\mathcal{E}} u | v \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} := \sum_{k,j} \langle R_k(u) | R_j(v) \rangle_{\mathcal{Q}} \left( \boldsymbol{u}^\mathsf{T} \boldsymbol{r}_k \right) \left( \boldsymbol{r}_j^\mathsf{T} \boldsymbol{v} \right)$$
(18)

and extended by linearity, where each  $R_k: \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{Q}$  is the map associated to  $r_k(\mu)$  as before for just a single map  $r(\mu)$ . It may be called the 'vector correlation'. By construction it is self-adjoint and positive. The corresponding kernel with values in  $\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{E}$  for the eigenvalue problem on  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{E}$  is

$$\varkappa_{\mathcal{E}}(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \sum_{k,j} \langle r_k(\mu_1) | r_j(\mu_2) \rangle_{\mathcal{V}} \, \boldsymbol{r}_k \otimes \boldsymbol{r}_j. \tag{19}$$

While the situation just described occurs often when  $r(\mu)$  is for example the state of a system, a case which looks formally similar but allows an alternative approach happens when the vector space  $\mathcal{E}$  consist of tensors of even degree, hence  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{F}$  for some space of tensors  $\mathcal{F}$  of half the degree. An example of such a situation is the stress or strain field of a continuum mechanics problem, where again  $\mathcal{U}$  could be a space of scalar spatial functions, and  $\mathcal{E}$  the space of symmetric 2nd degree tensors. Another example is the specification of a conductivity tensor field for a heat conduction problem with  $\mathcal{E}$  again the space of symmetric 2nd degree tensors, or the specification of an elasticity tensor field with  $\mathcal{E}$  the space of symmetric 4th degree tensors.

Such a tensor of even degree can always be thought of as a linear map from a space of tensors of half that degree into itself. Being a linear map, it can be represented as a  $matrix A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , the case we shall look at here. The size of the matrix is equal to the dimension of the space  $\mathcal{F}$ , i.e.  $n = \dim \mathcal{F}$ . So the space  $\mathcal{E}$  can be thought of as a space of matrices.

Often these linear maps / matrices possess some additional properties, like being symmetric positive definite — as in the examples of the conductivity or elasticity tensor — or e.g. orthogonal. One has to realise that the representation methods which have been investigated here are *linear* methods, i.e. they work best when the representation is in a *linear* manifold, essentially free from nonlinear constraints. The two examples of positive definite or orthogonal tensor fields have such nonlinear constraints. We discuss two possible approaches:

First, assume that A has to be orthogonal. It then satisfies  $A^{\mathsf{T}}A = I = AA^{\mathsf{T}}$ , a nonlinear constraint. But the orthogonal matrices  $\mathsf{O}(n)$  and its sub-group of special orthogonal matrices  $\mathsf{SO}(n)$  form compact Lie groups. One then may work in their Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{o}(n) = \mathfrak{so}(n)$ , the *skew* symmetric matrices, the tangent space at the group

identity I. This is a *free* linear space. An element  $A \in SO(n)$  can be expressed with the exponential map  $A = \exp(S)$  with  $S \in \mathfrak{so}(n) = \mathcal{E}$ . Using the exponential map from the Lie algebra to its corresponding Lie group one only has to deal with representations in the Lie algebra.

As a second example, assume that the matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathsf{Sym}^+(n)$  has to be symmetric positive definite (spd). Then it can be factored as  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{G}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{G}$  with invertible  $\mathbf{G} \in \mathsf{GL}(n)$ . Both of these are nonlinear constraints. The spd matrices  $\mathsf{Sym}^+(n)$  are not a linear space, but geometrically a salient open cone and a Riemannian manifold in the space of all symmetric matrices  $\mathfrak{sym}(n)$ . The manifold  $\mathsf{Sym}^+(n)$  can be made into a Lie group in different ways. Here it is important to observe that any  $A \in \mathsf{Sym}^+(n)$  can be represented again with the matrix exponential as  $\mathbf{A} = \exp(\mathbf{H})$  with  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathfrak{sym}(n) = \mathcal{E}$ . This is a good strategy even for scalar fields, i.e. n = 1.

Hence, in both cases, one may investigate the representation in some linear sub-space  $\mathfrak{g} \subseteq \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{F}$ , in the concrete matrix case here in a sub-space  $\mathfrak{g} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} = \mathfrak{gl}(n)$ . Such a parametric element may be represented first as  $\mathbf{H}(\mu) \in \mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  and then exponentiated:

$$\boldsymbol{H}(\mu) = \sum_{k} \varsigma_{k}(\mu) \boldsymbol{H}_{k}, \qquad \boldsymbol{H}(\mu) \mapsto \exp(\boldsymbol{H}(\mu)) = \boldsymbol{A}(\mu).$$
 (20)

Hence we now concentrate on representing  $\mathbf{H}(\mu)$ . The parametric map would be written analogous to Eq. (17) as

$$R(\mu) = \sum_{k} r_k(\mu) \otimes \mathbf{R}_k \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{E}, \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{R}_k \in \mathfrak{g}.$$
 (21)

The correlation analogous to Eq. (18) may now be defined via a bilinear form on elementary tensors as a densely defined map  $C_{\mathcal{E}}$  in  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathbb{R}^n$  — observe, not  $\mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  — and extended by linearity:

$$\forall (u = u \otimes \boldsymbol{v}), (v = v \otimes \boldsymbol{v}) \in \mathcal{W} = \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{F} :$$

$$\langle C_{\mathcal{F}} u | v \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} := \sum_{k,j} \langle R_k(u) | R_j(v) \rangle_{\mathcal{Q}} (\boldsymbol{R}_k \boldsymbol{u})^{\mathsf{T}} (\boldsymbol{R}_j \boldsymbol{v}). \quad (22)$$

The kernel corresponding to Eq. (19) is again matrix valued,

$$\varkappa_{\mathcal{F}}(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \sum_{k,j} \langle r_k(\mu_1) | r_j(\mu_2) \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} \mathbf{R}_k^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{R}_j, \tag{23}$$

defining an eigenproblem in  $\mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{F}$ .

For coupled systems, the approach has some similarity with the vector case  $\mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{E}$  above. The main characteristic of a coupled system which we want to preserve is that the space state may be written as  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_1 \times \mathcal{U}_2$  with the the natural inner product  $\langle u|v\rangle_{\mathcal{U}} = \langle u_1|v_1\rangle_{\mathcal{U}_1} + \langle u_2|v_2\rangle_{\mathcal{U}_2}$ , where  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2), \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathcal{U}$ . This is for two coupled systems, labelled as '1' and '2'. The parametric map is

$$\mathbf{r}: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_1 \times \mathcal{U}_2; \quad \mathbf{r}(\mu) = (r_1(\mu), r_2(\mu)).$$
 (24)

The associated linear map is

$$\mathbf{R}: \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{Q}^2 = \mathcal{Q} \times \mathcal{Q}; \quad (\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{u}))(\mu) = (\langle u_1 | r_1(\mu) \rangle_{\mathcal{U}_1}, \langle u_2 | r_2(\mu) \rangle_{\mathcal{U}_2}).$$
 (25)

As before, these  $\mathbb{R}^2$  valued functions on  $\mathcal{M}$  are like two problem-adapted co-ordinate systems on the joint parameter set, one for each sub-system. From this one obtains the 'coupling correlation', again defined through a bilinear form

$$\langle \boldsymbol{C}_{c}\boldsymbol{u}|\boldsymbol{v}\rangle_{\mathcal{U}} := \sum_{j=1}^{2} \langle R_{j}(u_{j})|R_{j}(v_{j})\rangle_{\mathcal{Q}}.$$
 (26)

The kernel is then a  $2 \times 2$  matrix valued function in an integral operator on  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{Q} \times \mathcal{Q}$ :

$$\varkappa_c(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \operatorname{diag}(\langle r_k(\mu_1) | r_k(\mu_2) \rangle_{\mathcal{U}_k}). \tag{27}$$

Often there is a bit more structure one wants to preserve, namely that  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{M}_2$ , and the parameter set  $\mathcal{M}_1$  is for the sub-system '1', and the set  $\mathcal{M}_2$  is for sub-system '2'. We also assume that not only  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_1 \times \mathcal{U}_2$ , but also  $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q}_1 \times \mathcal{Q}_2$ , where the scalar functions in  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  depend only on  $\mathcal{M}_1$ , and similarly for subsystem '2'. The parametric map is hence

$$r: \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{M}_2 \to \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_1 \times \mathcal{U}_2; \quad r((\mu_1, \mu_2)) = (r_1(\mu_1), r_2(\mu_2)),$$
 (28)

with the associated linear map

$$\mathbf{R}: \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q}_1 \times \mathcal{Q}_2; \quad (\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{u}))(\mu) = (\langle u_1 | r_1(\mu_1) \rangle_{\mathcal{U}_1}, \langle u_2 | r_2(\mu_2) \rangle_{\mathcal{U}_2}).$$
 (29)

The correlation may be defined as before in Eq. (26), and also the kernel on  $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q}_1 \times \mathcal{Q}_2$  is as in Eq. (27), but now the first diagonal entry is a function on  $\mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{M}_1$  only, and analogous for the second diagonal entry.

### 5 Conclusion

Parametric mappings  $r: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{U}$  have been analysed with in a variety of settings via the associated linear map  $R: \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{M}}$ , enabling the linear analysis. The RKHS setting allows a first representation, and essentially reproduces everything in  $\mathcal{U}$  in the function space  $\mathcal{R}$ . The choice of another inner product and corresponding Hilbert space  $\mathcal{Q}$  leads to measures of importance in  $\mathcal{M}$ , or, more precisely, in  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{M}}$ .

It is shown that each separated representation defines an associated linear map, and that conversely under some more restrictive conditions, the normally more general notion of an associated linear map defines a representation.

Several refinements are presented to represent some additional structure in the linear map. One such structure is the information of dealing with a coupled system. This can be reflected in the structure of the associated linear map.

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