

3. Consider a spherical model for the autocovariance function of a stationary isotropic random field:

$$C(\|h\|) = \sigma^2 \frac{|b(o, \varrho) \cap b(h, \varrho)|}{|b(o, \varrho)|}, \quad h \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

This model is valid in the dimension  $d$  and all the lower dimensions, see Exercise 1 above. However, it is not valid in higher dimensions. Express this autocovariance function for  $d = 1$  and check that it is a positive semidefinite function. Show that this function considered in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (using  $\|h\|, h \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , as its argument) is not positive semidefinite.

Hint: Consider the points  $x_{ij} = (i\sqrt{2}\varrho, j\sqrt{2}\varrho), i, j = 1, \dots, 8$  and the coefficients  $\alpha_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}$ .

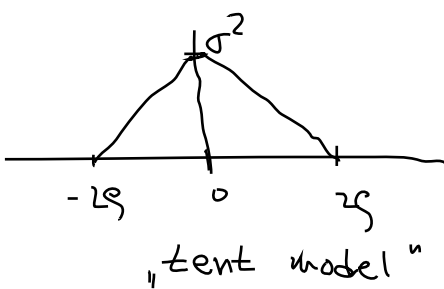
$$d = 1 \quad \dots \quad b(o, \varrho) = (-\varrho, \varrho) \quad , \quad b(h, \varrho) = (h - \varrho, h + \varrho)$$

$$h \in \mathbb{R} \quad |b(o, \varrho)| = 2\varrho$$

$$|b(o, \varrho) \cap b(h, \varrho)| = 2\varrho - |h|, \quad |h| \leq 2\varrho$$

$$\rightarrow C(\|h\|) = \sigma^2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\|h\|}{2\varrho}\right)^+, \quad h \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\sigma > \sigma^2 > 0$$



$\hookrightarrow$  positive semidefinite function:  
(1-|h|) char. function of:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

now choose  $d = 2$ ,  $C(\|h\|), h \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , is NOT PSD

$$8 \times 8 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1,1) \sqrt{2}\varrho \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{array} \right.$$

if  $C(\|h\|), h \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , would be PSD.

then it must hold:

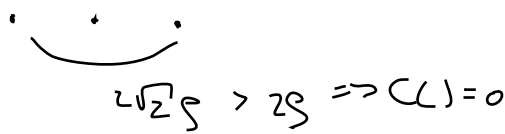
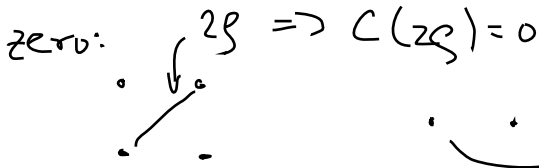
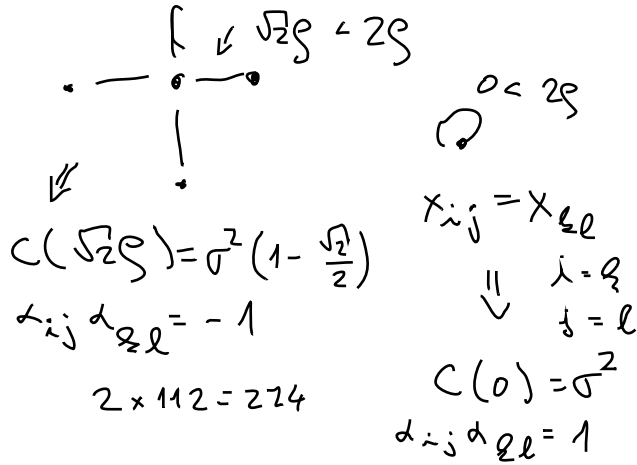
$$(*) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \sum_{k,l=1}^n \alpha_{ij} \alpha_{kl} C(\|x_{ij} - x_{kl}\|) \geq 0$$

choose  $\alpha_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}$

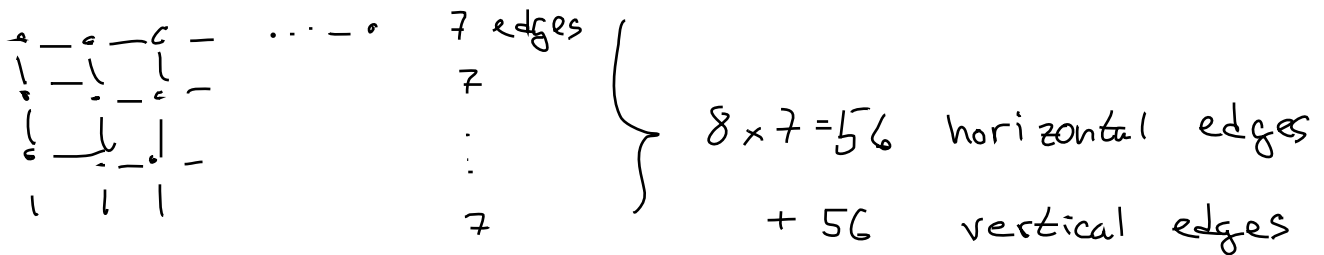
$$x_{ij} = (i\sqrt{2}\varrho, j\sqrt{2}\varrho)$$

$$\forall n, \forall \alpha_{ij}, \forall x_{ij=1, \dots, 8}$$

non-zero contributions from:



$$C(x) = \sum_{i,j=1}^m \sum_{k,l=1}^m d_{ij} d_{kl} C(\|x_{ij} - x_{kl}\|) = 64 \cdot 1 \cdot C(0) - 224 C(\sqrt{2}s) + 64x$$



36 points with 4 neighbours  
 24  
 4



$\rightarrow 224$

$$C^{**} = 64\sigma^2 - 224\sigma^2 \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \sigma^2 (64 - 224 + 112\sqrt{2}) = \sigma^2 (112\sqrt{2} - 160) < 0$$

$$28\sqrt{2} - 40$$

$$\frac{7\sqrt{2} - 10}{49 \cdot 2} < 100$$