

Corregidum to “Novel whitening approaches in functional settings”

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Due to production errors, Equation 3 in pp. 3 is written as

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathbb{M}} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j^{-1} \langle f, \gamma_j \rangle \langle g, \gamma_j \rangle = \left\langle \Gamma^{1/2\dagger} f, \Gamma^{1/2\dagger} g \right\rangle f, \quad g \in \mathbb{M},$$

while it was originally written as

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathbb{M}} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j^{-1} \langle f, \gamma_j \rangle \langle g, \gamma_j \rangle = \left\langle \Gamma^{1/2\dagger} f, \Gamma^{1/2\dagger} g \right\rangle \quad f, g \in \mathbb{M}.$$

In §3, the statement reads, “Then, we can use the inner product (3) to construct a space of isotropic functions (i.e., their covariance operator satisfies the identity), so that the space ends up having a certain Gaussian appearance...” The term *space of isotropic functions* is unclear in the current context. Since our whitening operators are mappings defined through elements over T , this does not necessarily imply that the realizations of \mathbb{X} are on the unit sphere $S = \{f \in \mathbb{M} \mid \|f\|^2 = 1\}$. The isotropy property would be satisfied when whitening the basis expansion coefficients in the direction of its transpose, assuming dependencies in a secondary domain exist. Therefore, one could use the following instead: “....to construct a *space of whitened/orthogonalized functions* (i.e., their covariance operator satisfies the identity), so that the space ends up having a certain Gaussian appearance...”.

In §4, the sentence “As $2\text{tr}(\Gamma_{X\mathbb{X}})$ is the only dependence between the original and the whitened variable, the minimization problem can be reduced to the maximization of $\text{tr}(\Gamma_{X\mathbb{X}})$.” reads also as “.. is the only *dependent term*...”.

In the Technical proofs (first paragraph), due to abuse of notation, in the sentence “Note that Condition 1 cannot be reached when $\langle X, \gamma_j \rangle^2 = \lambda_j$, or for $c_j \rightarrow c > 0$, $\langle X, \gamma_j \rangle^2 = \lambda_j c_j$...”, X stands for a deterministic function.

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