

Generative Matching Units:

Full Proof of Proposition 2

Proposition 2. *Let $E(X_1, X_2) = \|X_1 - X_2\|$, we can show that $\gamma_E(d+1) < \gamma_E(d)$.*

Proof. Since $X_1, X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_d)$, we have $X_1 - X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 2I_d)$, so that $\|X_1 - X_2\| = \sqrt{2} \chi_d$, where χ_d is a random variable with the chi distribution with d degrees of freedom. Its mean is $\mathbb{E}[\chi_d] = \sqrt{2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}$ and its variance is $\text{Var}(\chi_d) = d - \left(\sqrt{2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \right)^2$. Therefore, the mean of $E(X_1, X_2) = \|X_1 - X_2\|$ is $\mu_E = \sqrt{2} \mathbb{E}[\chi_d] = 2 \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}$ and its standard deviation is $\sigma_E = \sqrt{2(d - 2 \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})^2}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})^2})}$.

Defining the information factor as $\gamma_E(d) = \sigma_E / \mu_E$, we obtain

$$\gamma_E(d)^2 = \frac{\frac{d}{2} \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})^2}{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})^2} - 1.$$

Thus, showing that $\gamma_E(d) < \gamma_E(d-1)$ is equivalent to proving

$$\frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})^2} > \sqrt{\frac{d}{d-1}}, \quad (1)$$

First, we can show that $\frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})^2} \rightarrow 1$ as $d \rightarrow \infty$. Using the asymptotic property of the Gamma function, $\Gamma(x + \alpha) \sim \Gamma(x) x^\alpha$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, we have $\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2}) \sim \Gamma(\frac{d}{2}) (\frac{d}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2}) \sim \Gamma(\frac{d}{2}) (\frac{d}{2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, and thus $\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2}) \sim \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})^2$ as $d \rightarrow \infty$. This proves that the L.H.S of (1) converges to the R.H.S as $d \rightarrow \infty$.

Simulation: To show that L.H.S - R.H.S > 0 for all other d , we conduct a simulation in python, where we estimate the L.H.S and R.H.S and plot their difference as a function of d . The results are shown in Figure 1.

As seen from the plot, we find that for all tested d , the L.H.S of (1) is greater than the R.H.S. This validation, achieved through a combination of analytical theory and numerical simulations, confirms the result. □

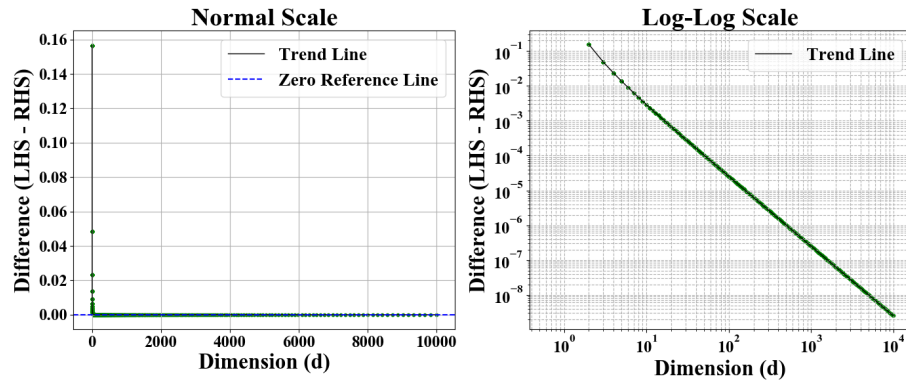


Figure 1: The figure illustrates the difference L.H.S – R.H.S for varying dimensions d , based on Python simulations. The left plot shows the difference on a normal scale, highlighting points green when the difference is positive (which is always here). The right plot displays the absolute difference in a log-log scale, reinforcing the trend that $\text{L.H.S} - \text{R.H.S} > 0$ for all dimensions d