

RKHS in ML: Testing Statistical Dependence

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Dependence testing

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- Goal: Are X and Y independent?

X	Y
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X_2 : No doubt there is great pressure on provincial and municipal governments in relation to the issue of child care, but the reality is that there have been no cuts to child care funding from the federal government to the provinces. In fact, we have increased federal investments for early childhood development.

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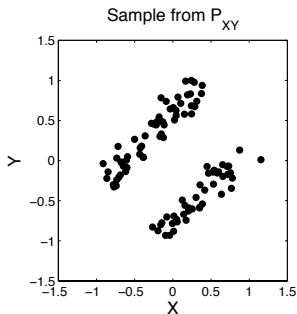
Y_1 : Honorables sénateurs, ma question s'adresse au leader du gouvernement au Sénat et concerne l'aide financière qu'on a annoncée pour les agriculteurs. La plupart des agriculteurs n'ont encore rien reçu de cet argent.

Y_2 : Il est évident que les ordres de gouvernements provinciaux et municipaux subissent de fortes pressions en ce qui concerne les services de garde, mais le gouvernement n'a pas réduit le financement qu'il verse aux provinces pour les services de garde. Au contraire, nous avons augmenté le financement fédéral pour le développement des jeunes enfants.

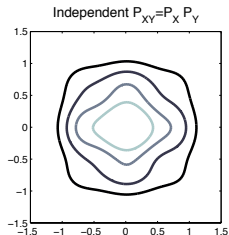
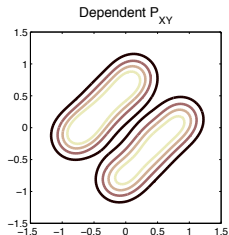
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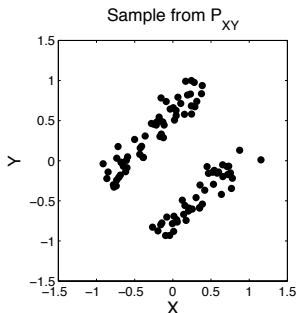


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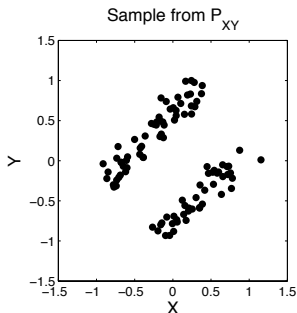


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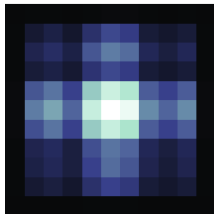
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Kernel κ on **image-text pairs**: are images and captions similar?

$$\kappa(\text{dog}, \text{A large animal who slings slobber, ...}, \text{cat}, \text{A responsive, interactive pet, ...})$$

$$= k(\text{dog}, \text{cat}) \times l(\text{A large animal who slings slobber, ...}, \text{A responsive, interactive pet, ...})$$

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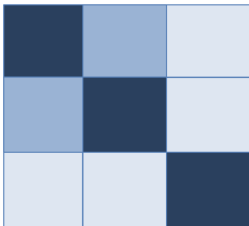
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$$MMD^2(\hat{P}_{XY}, \hat{P}_X \hat{P}_Y, \mathcal{H}_\kappa) := \frac{1}{n^2} \text{trace}(KHLH)$$
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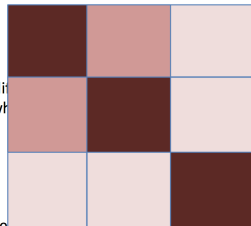


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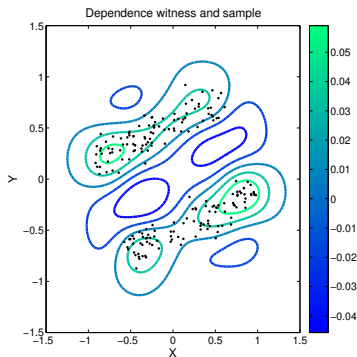
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Text from dogtime.com and petfinder.com

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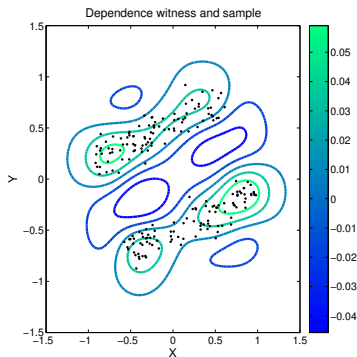


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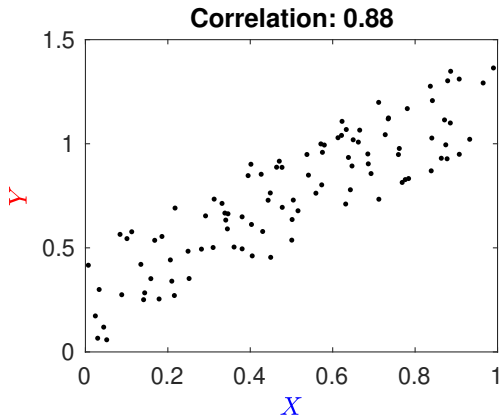


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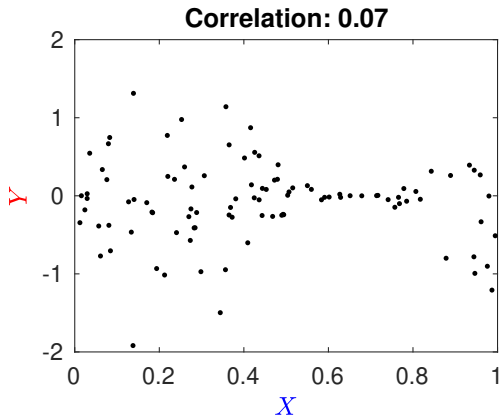
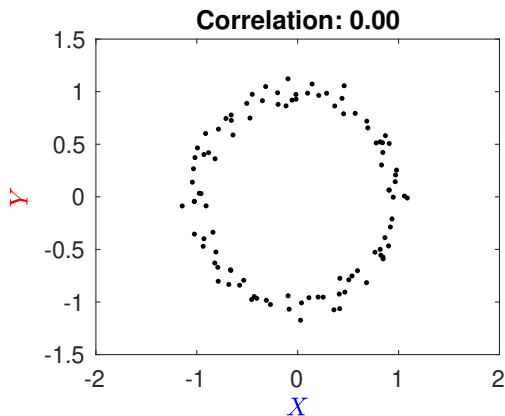


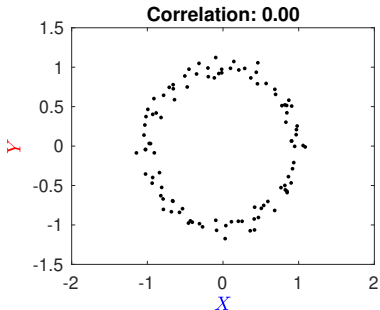
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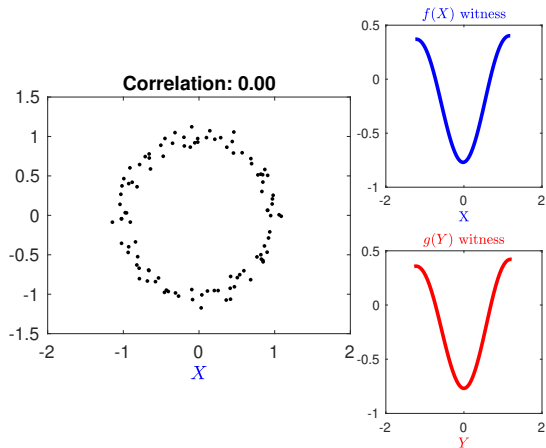
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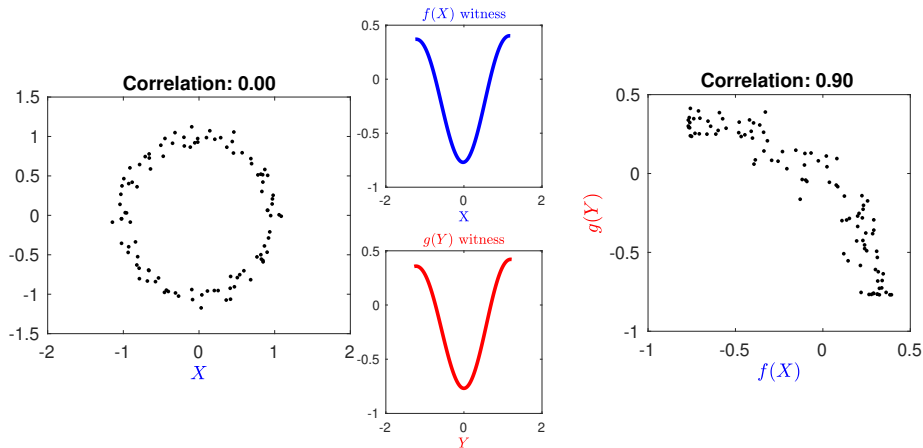
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Define two spaces, one for each witness

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$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_j \varphi_j(x)$$

Feature map

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(x) \\ \varphi_2(x) \\ \varphi_3(x) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Kernel for RKHS \mathcal{F} on \mathcal{X} :

$$k(x, x') = \langle \varphi(x), \varphi(x') \rangle_{\mathcal{F}}$$

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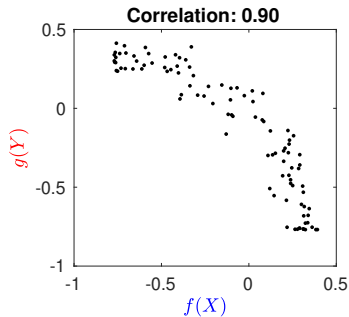
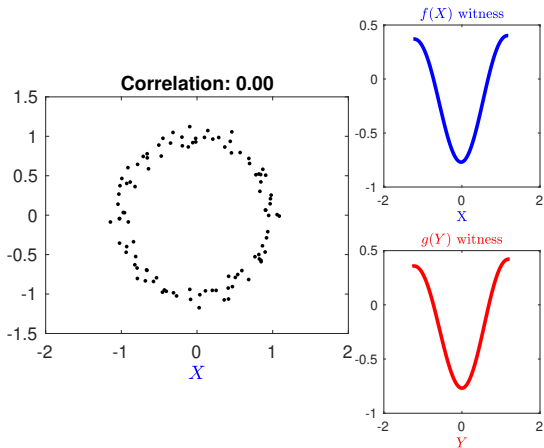
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COCO: max singular value of feature covariance $C_{\tilde{\varphi}(x)\tilde{\phi}(y)}$

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Challenge 1: Can we define a feature space analog to $x y^\top$?

YES:

- Given $f \in \mathfrak{R}^d$, $g \in \mathfrak{R}^{d'}$, $h \in \mathfrak{R}^{d'}$, define matrix $f g^\top$ such that $(f g^\top) h = f (g^\top h)$.
- Given $f \in \mathcal{F}$, $g \in \mathcal{G}$, $h \in \mathcal{G}$, define **tensor product** operator $f \otimes g$ such that $[f \otimes g] h = f \langle g, h \rangle_{\mathcal{G}}$.
- Now just set $f := \varphi(x)$, $g = \phi(y)$, to get $x y^\top \rightarrow \varphi(x) \otimes \phi(y)$

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Reminder: Riesz representation theorem

In a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , all bounded linear operators A (meaning $\|Ah\| \leq \lambda_A \|h\|_{\mathcal{H}}$) can be written

$$Ah = \langle h(\cdot), g_A(\cdot) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$$

for some $g_A \in \mathcal{H}$.

We used this theorem to show the **mean embedding μ_P exists**.

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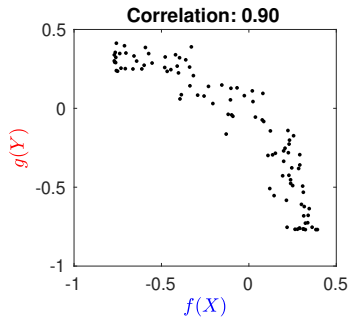
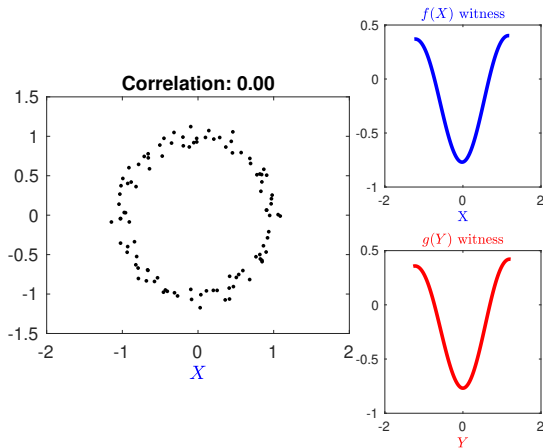
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When $\lambda \neq 0$ and $\gamma \neq 0$, then $\alpha^\top \widetilde{K} \alpha = \beta^\top \widetilde{L} \beta = 1$, hence $\lambda = \gamma$.

(Complementary slackness, assuming strong duality.)

More later in the course!

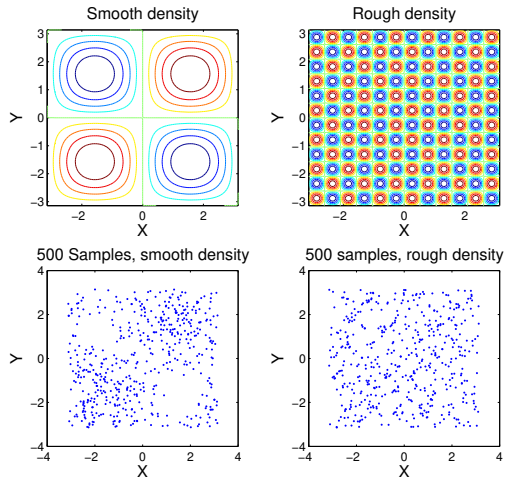
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(Solution by maximization wrt dual variable γ).

Note: for strong duality in this case, see Appendix B.1 Boyd and Vandenberghe (2004), which is outside the scope of this lecture.

What is a large dependence with COCO?



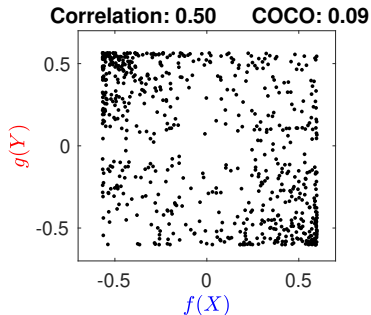
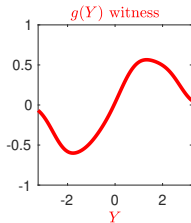
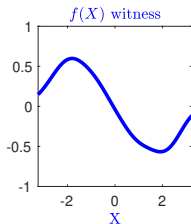
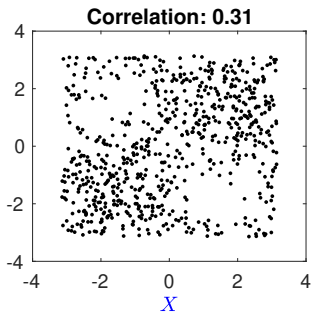
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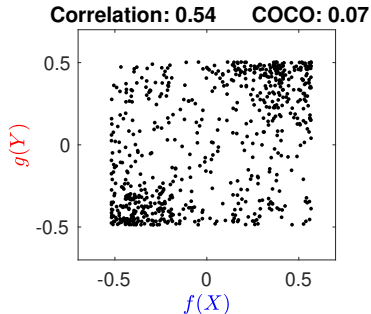
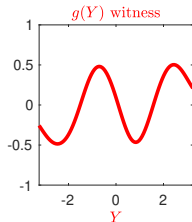
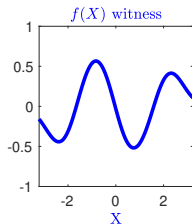
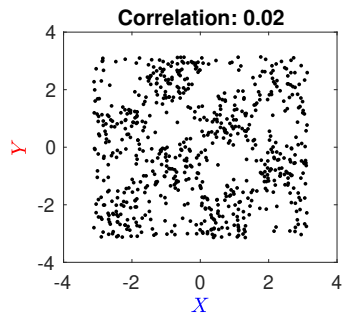
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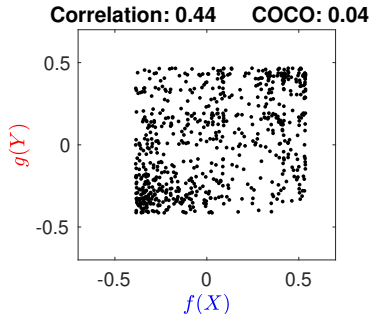
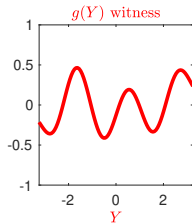
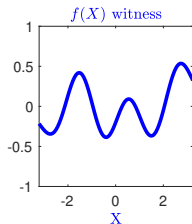
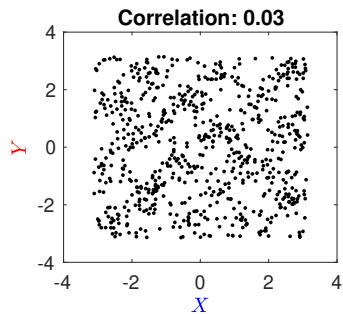
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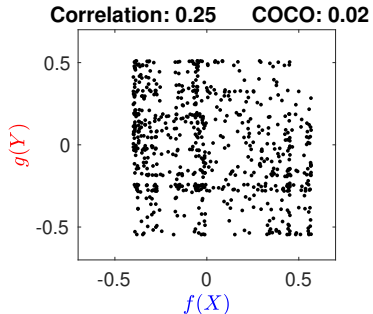
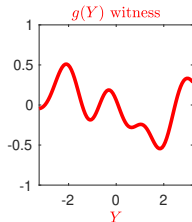
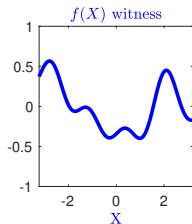
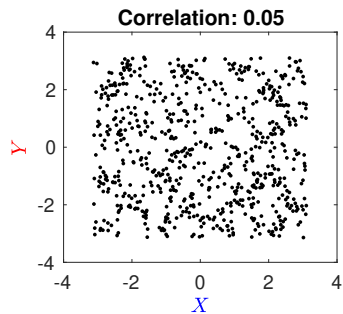
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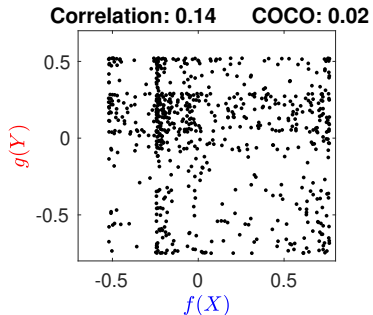
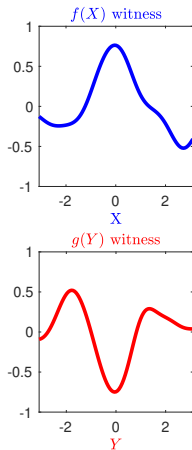
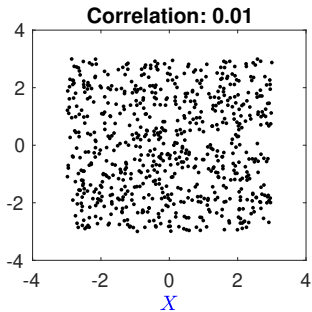
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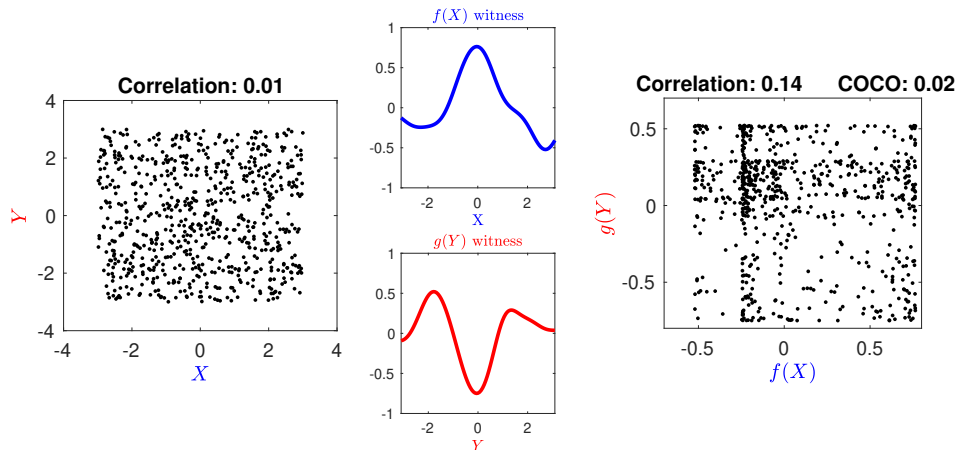
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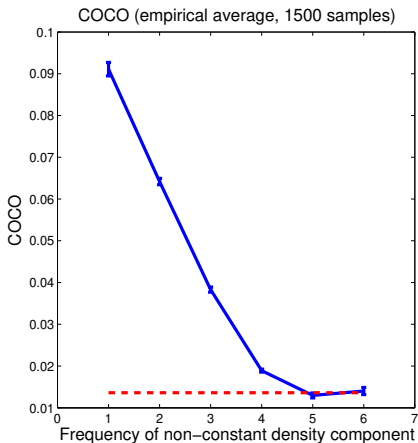
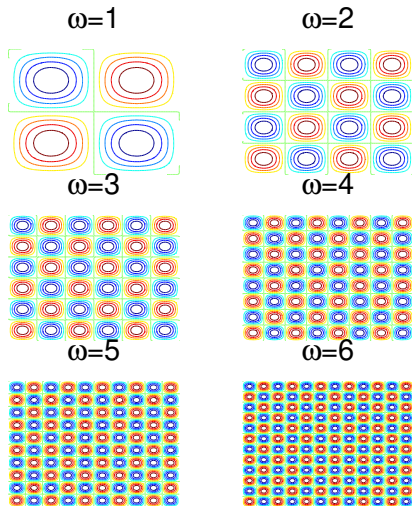
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Case of $\omega = 0$: uniform noise! (shows bias)



Back to the constrained covariance

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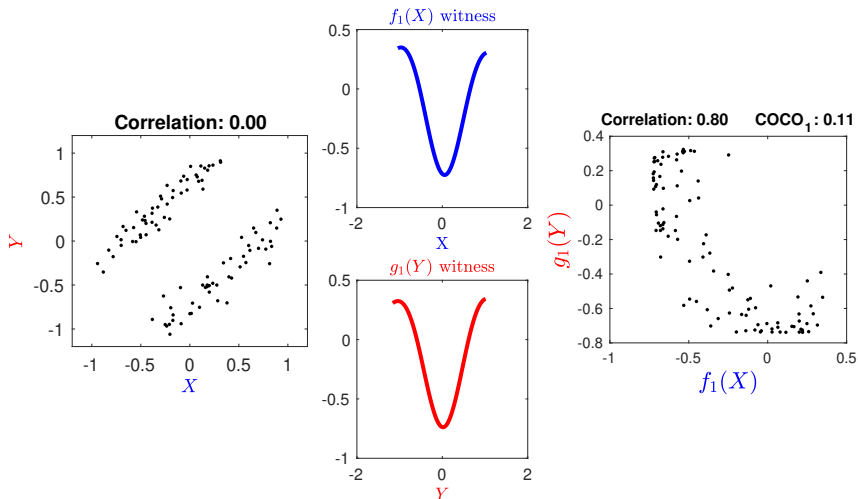
Dependence largest when at “low” frequencies

- As dependence is encoded at **higher frequencies**, the **smooth mappings** f, g achieve lower linear dependence.
- Even for **independent variables**, COCO will not be zero at **finite sample sizes**, since some mild linear dependence will be found by f, g (**bias**)
- This **bias** will decrease with increasing sample size.

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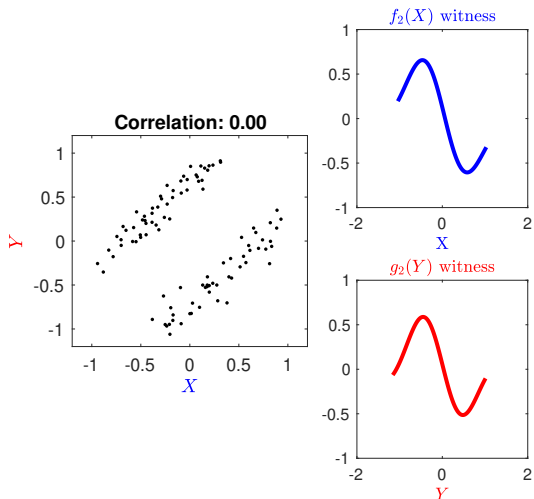
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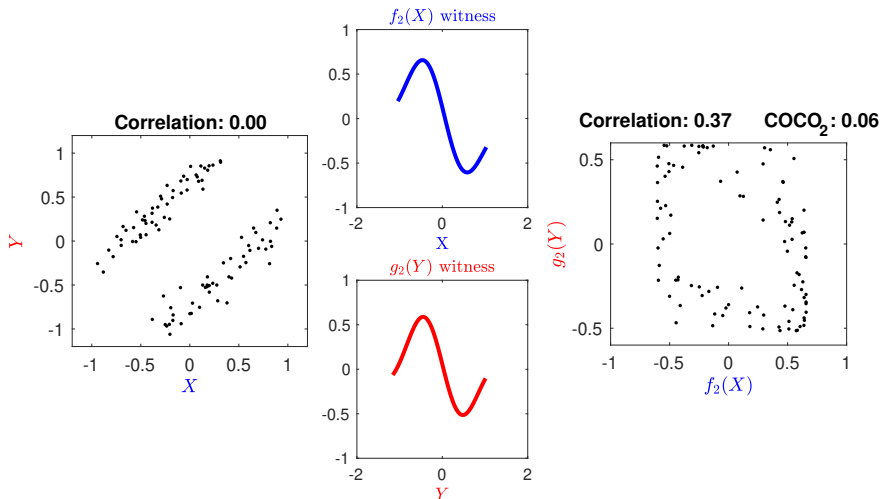
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$$\gamma_i := \text{COV}_i(P_{XY}; \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}),$$

define **Hilbert-Schmidt Independence Criterion (HSIC)**

$$\text{HSIC}^2(P_{XY}; \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i^2.$$

G, Bousquet, Smola., and Schoelkopf, ALT05; G., Fukumizu, Teo., Song., Schoelkopf., and Smola, NIPS 2007,.

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How large is the bias?

Difference is:

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where $k_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$.

The **expectation** of this difference (i.e., the **bias**) is of $O(n^{-1})$.

Remaining terms covered in lecture notes.

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HSIC is MMD with product kernel!

$$HSIC(P_{XY}; \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = MMD(P_{XY}, P_X P_Y; \mathcal{H}_\kappa)$$

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Proof: exercise!

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$$\text{where } \lambda_l \psi_l(z_j) = \int h_{ijqr} \psi_l(z_i) dF_{i,q,r}, \quad h_{ijqr} = \frac{1}{4!} \sum_{(t,u,v,w)}^{(i,j,q,r)} k_{tu} l_{tv} + k_{tu} l_{vw} - 2k_{tu} l_{tv}$$

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- Given $P_{XY} = P_X P_Y$, what is the threshold c_α such that $P(\widehat{HSIC}^2 > c_\alpha) < \alpha$ for small α (prob. of false positive)?

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- Permutation:

$X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 X_5 X_6 X_7 X_8 X_9 X_{10}$
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- Null distribution via permutation

- Compute HSIC for $\{x_i, y_{\pi(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$ for random permutation π of indices $\{1, \dots, n\}$. This gives HSIC for independent variables.
- Repeat for many different permutations, get empirical CDF
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$$n\text{HSIC}_b^2(Z) \sim \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{(E(\text{HSIC}_b^2))^2}{\text{var}(\text{HSIC}_b^2)}, \quad \beta = \frac{\text{var}(\text{HSIC}_b^2)}{nE(\text{HSIC}_b^2)}.$$

- **Purely a heuristic, no guarantees**

Application: dependence detection across languages

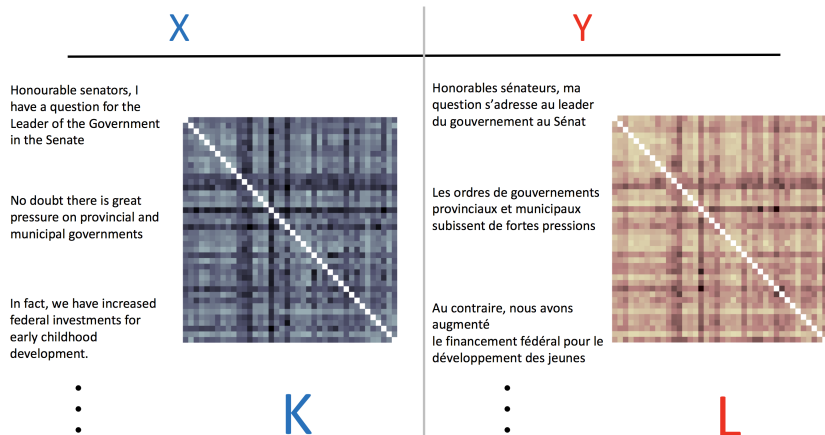
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X	Y
Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government in the Senate	Honorables sénateurs, ma question s'adresse au leader du gouvernement au Sénat
No doubt there is great pressure on provincial and municipal governments	Les ordres de gouvernements provinciaux et municipaux subissent de fortes pressions
In fact, we have increased federal investments for early childhood development.	Au contraire, nous avons augmenté le financement fédéral pour le développement des jeunes
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k -spectrum kernel, $k = 10$, sample size $n = 10$



$$\widehat{HSIC}^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{trace}(KHLH)$$

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Results (for $\alpha = 0.05$)

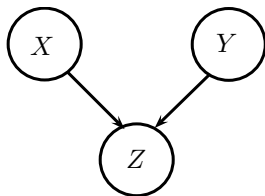
- k-spectrum kernel: average Type II error 0
- Bag of words kernel: average Type II error 0.18

Settings: Five line extracts, averaged over 300 repetitions, for “Agriculture” transcripts. Similar results for Fisheries and Immigration transcripts.

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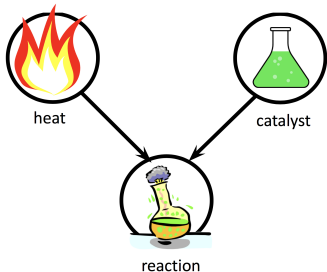
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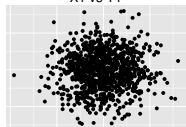


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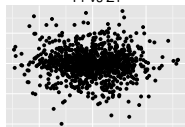
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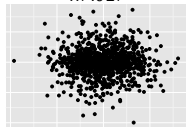
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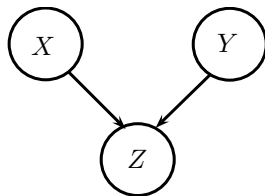
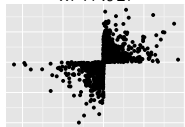
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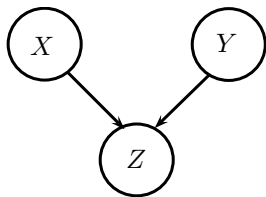
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Fine print: Faithfulness violated here!

V-structure discovery



Assume $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$ has been established.

V-structure can then be detected by:

- **Consistent CI test:** $H_0 : X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y | Z$ [Fukumizu et al. 2008, Zhang et al. 2011]
- **Factorisation test:** $H_0 : (X, Y) \perp\!\!\!\perp Z \vee (X, Z) \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \vee (Y, Z) \perp\!\!\!\perp X$
(multiple standard two-variable tests)

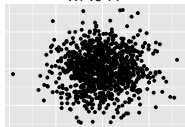
How well do these work?

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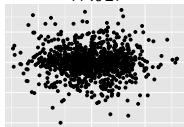
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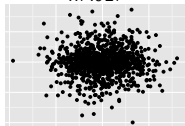
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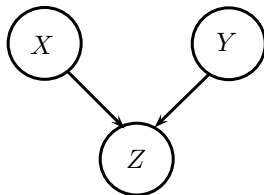
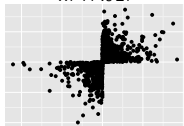
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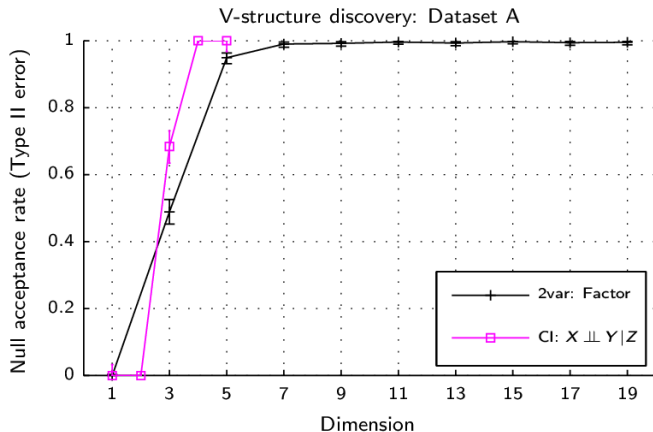
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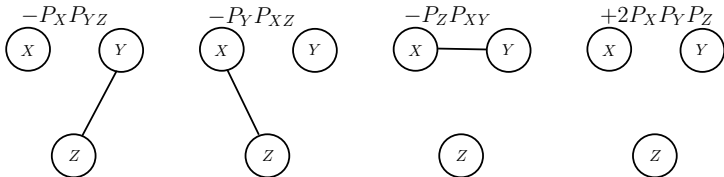
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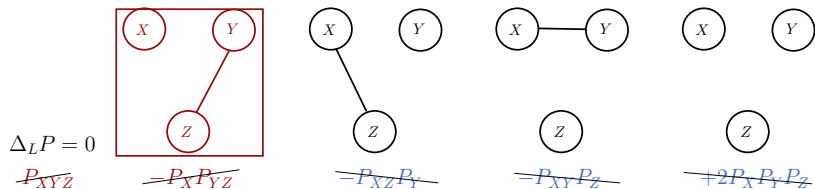


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Example:

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Construct a test by estimating $\|\mu_\kappa(\Delta_L P)\|_{\mathcal{H}_\kappa}^2$, where $\kappa = k \otimes l \otimes m$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mu_\kappa(P_{XYZ} - P_{XY}P_Z - \dots)\|_{\mathcal{H}_\kappa}^2 = \\ & \langle \mu_\kappa P_{XYZ}, \mu_\kappa P_{XYZ} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\kappa} - 2 \langle \mu_\kappa P_{XYZ}, \mu_\kappa P_{XY}P_Z \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\kappa} \dots \end{aligned}$$

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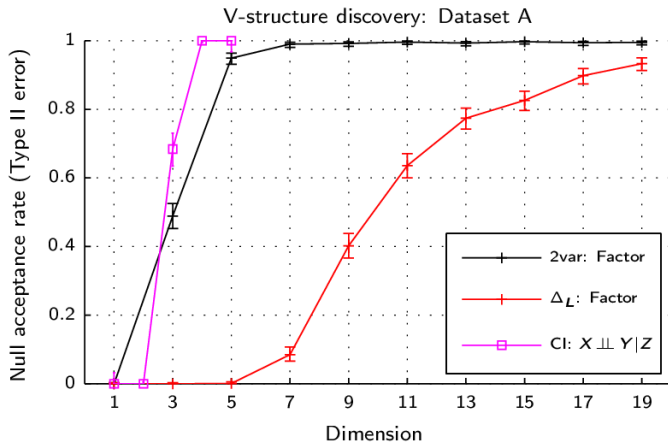
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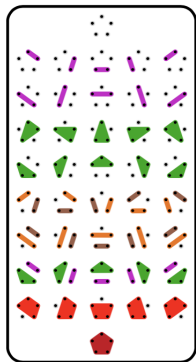
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