

Representing and comparing probabilities: Part 2

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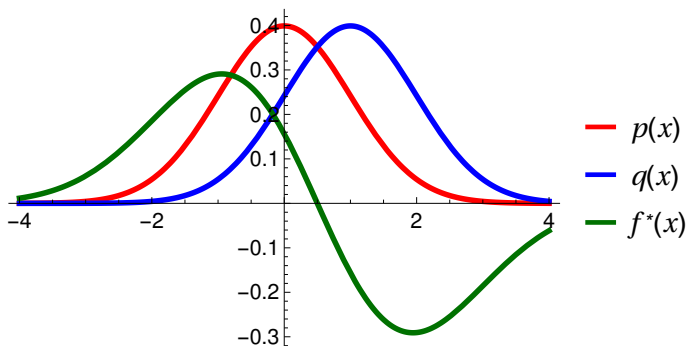
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Testing against a probabilistic model

Statistical model criticism

$$\text{MMD}(P, Q) = \|f^*\|^2 = \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq 1} [E_Q f - E_P f]$$



$f^*(x)$ is the witness function

Can we compute MMD with samples from Q and a **model** P ?

Problem: usually can't compute $E_P f$ in closed form.

Stein idea

To get rid of $E_p f$ in

$$\sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq 1} [E_q f - E_p f]$$

we define the **Stein operator**

$$[T_p f](x) = \frac{1}{p(x)} \frac{d}{dx} (f(x)p(x))$$

Then

$$E_P T_P f = 0$$

subject to appropriate boundary conditions. (Oates, Girolami, Chopin, 2016)

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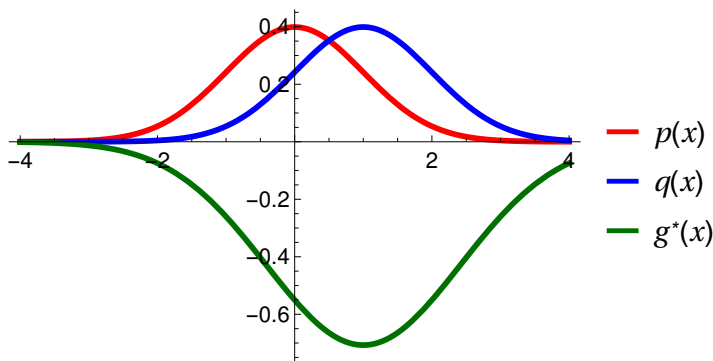
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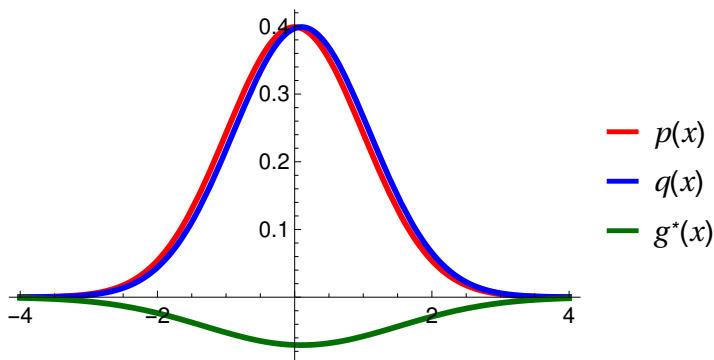
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Closed-form expression for KSD: given $Z, Z' \sim q$, then

(Chwialkowski, Strathmann, G., ICML 2016) (Liu, Lee, Jordan ICML 2016)

$$\text{KSD}(p, q, \mathcal{F}) = E_q h_p(Z, Z')$$

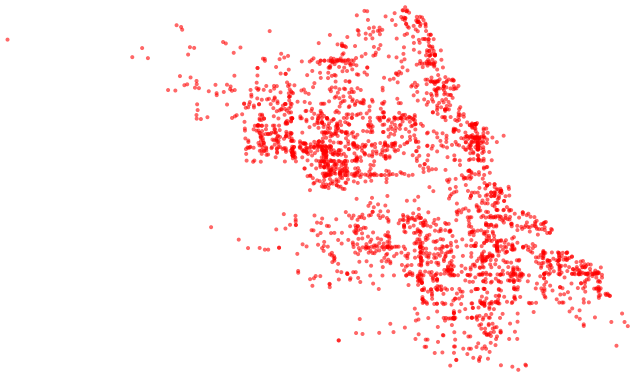
where

$$\begin{aligned} h_p(x, y) := & \partial_x \log p(x) \partial_x \log p(y) k(x, y) \\ & + \partial_y \log p(y) \partial_x k(x, y) \\ & + \partial_x \log p(x) \partial_y k(x, y) \\ & + \partial_x \partial_y k(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and k is RKHS kernel for \mathcal{F}

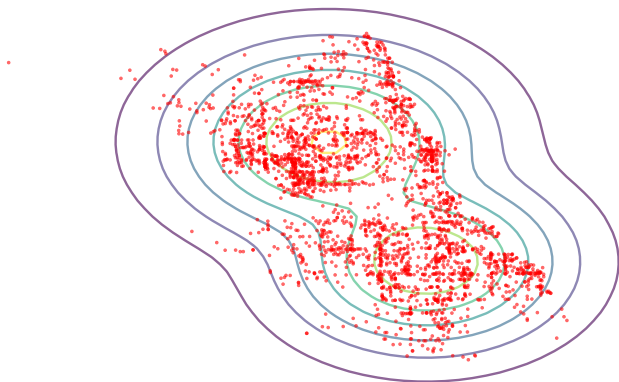
Only depends on kernel and $\partial_x \log p(x)$. Do not need to normalize p , or sample from it.

Statistical model criticism



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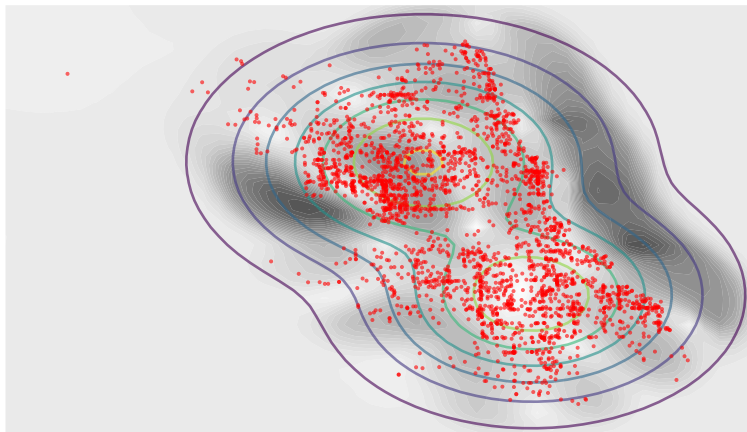
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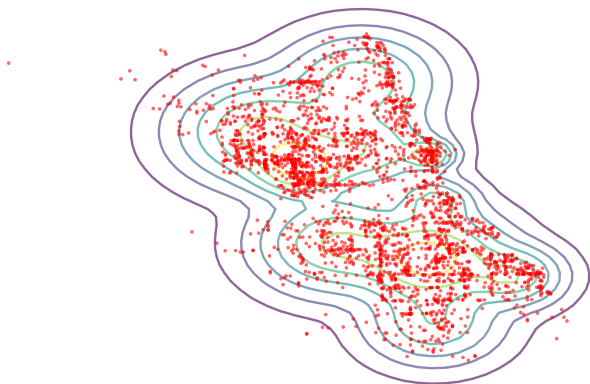


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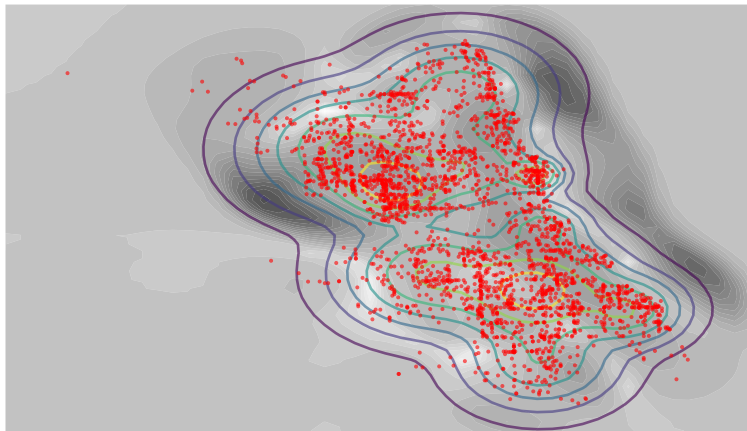
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Code: https://github.com/karlnapf/kernel_goodness_of_fit

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Further applications:

- Evaluation of approximate MCMC methods.
(Chwialkowski, Strathmann, G., ICML 2016; Gorham, Mackey, ICML 2017)

What kernel to use?

- The inverse multiquadric kernel,

$$k(x, y) = \left(c + \|x - y\|_2^2 \right)^\beta$$

for $\beta \in (-1, 0)$.

arXiv.org > stat > arXiv:1703.01717

Statistics > Machine Learning

Measuring Sample Quality with Kernels

Jackson Gorham, Lester Mackey




ICML 2017

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Testing statistical dependence

Dependence testing

- Given: Samples from a distribution $P_{X,Y}$
- Goal: Are X and Y independent?

X	Y
	A large animal who slings slobber, exudes a distinctive houndy odor, and wants nothing more than to follow his nose.
	Their noses guide them through life, and they're never happier than when following an interesting scent.
	A responsive, interactive pet, one that will blow in your ear and follow you everywhere.

Text from dogtime.com and petfinder.com

MMD as a dependence measure?

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$$k(\text{img1}, \text{img2})$$

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$$k(\text{dog image}, \text{cat image})$$

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

$$\kappa(\text{dog image}, \text{caption box}, \text{cat image}, \text{caption box})$$

$$= k(\text{dog image}, \text{cat image}) \times l(\text{caption box}, \text{caption box})$$

MMD as a dependence measure

- **Given:** Samples from a distribution $P_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}$
- **Goal:** Are \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} independent?

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

(\mathbf{K} , \mathbf{L} column centered)

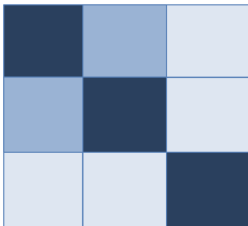
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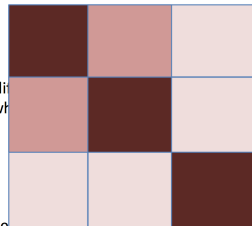


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Two questions:

- Why the product kernel? Many ways to combine kernels - why not eg a sum?
- Is there a more interpretable way of defining this dependence measure?

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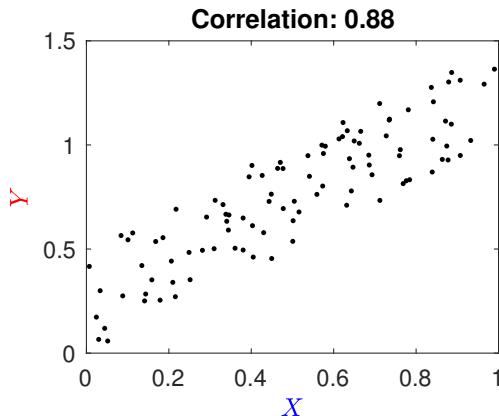


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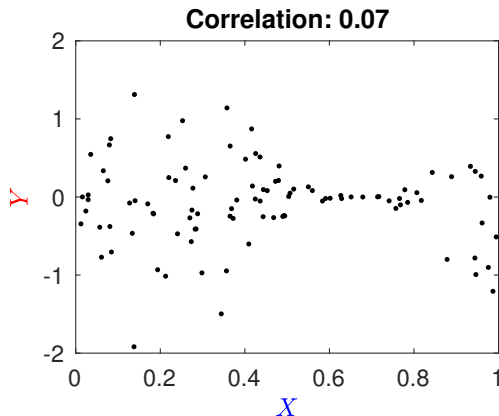
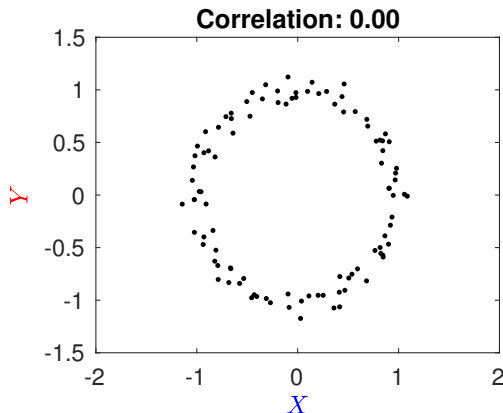


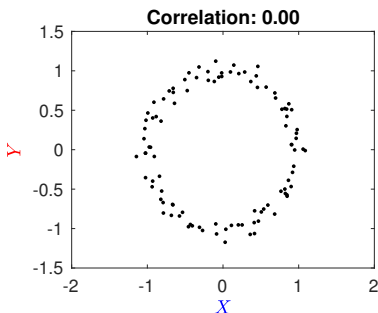
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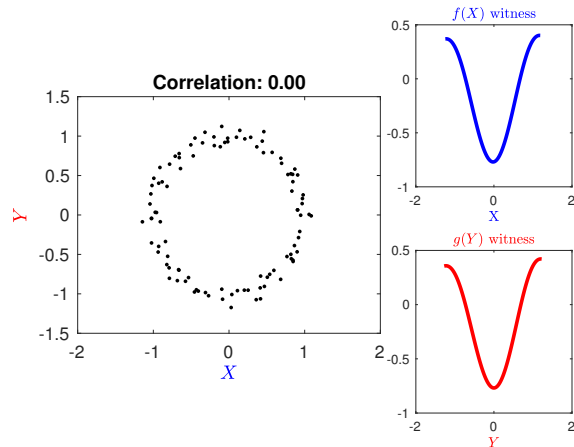
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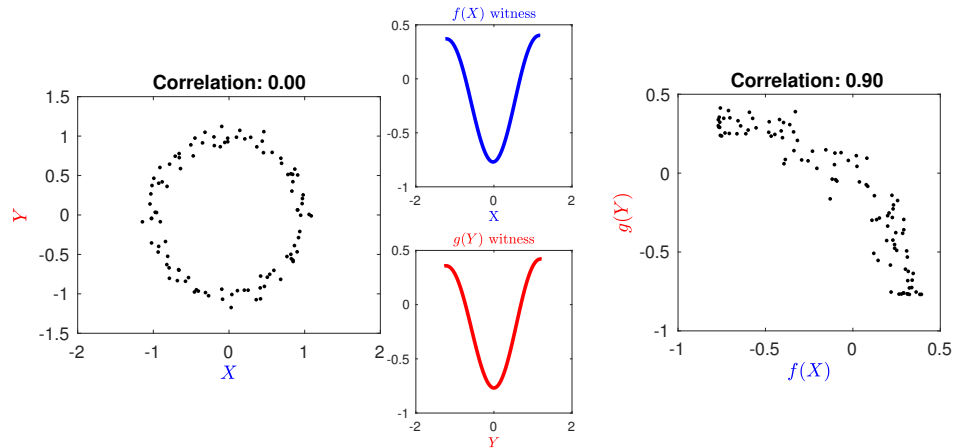
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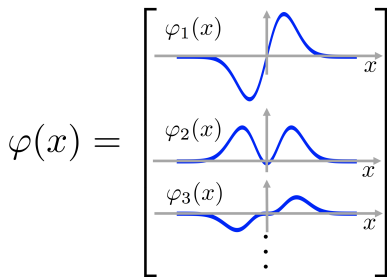


Define two spaces, one for each witness

Function in \mathcal{F}

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Feature map



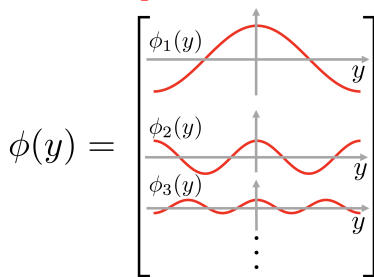
Kernel for RKHS \mathcal{F} on \mathcal{X} :

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Function in \mathcal{G}

$$g(y) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} g_j \phi_j(y)$$

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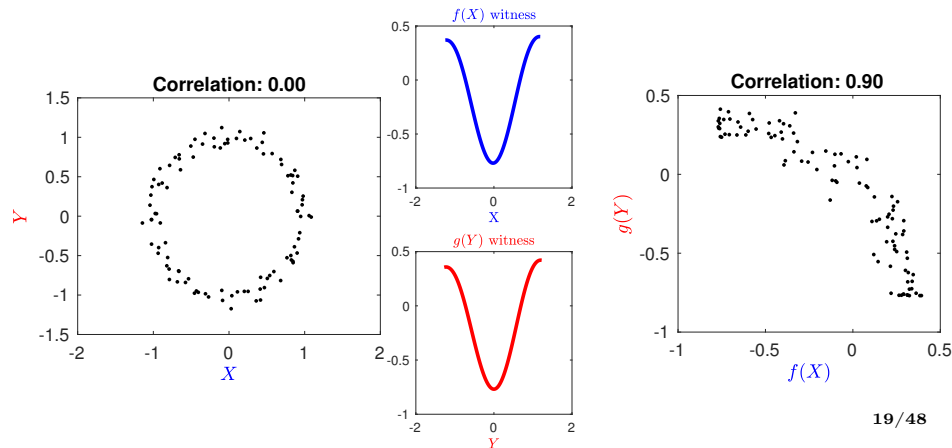
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COCO: max singular value of feature covariance $C_{\varphi(x)\phi(y)}$

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Witness functions (singular vectors):

$$f(x) \propto \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i k(x_i, x) \qquad g(y) \propto \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i l(y_i, y)$$

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for centered $\varphi(x_i), \psi(y_i)$.

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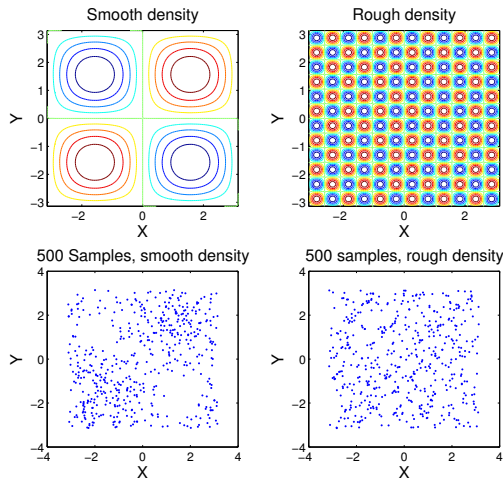
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The **Lagrangian** is now:

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What is a large dependence with COCO?



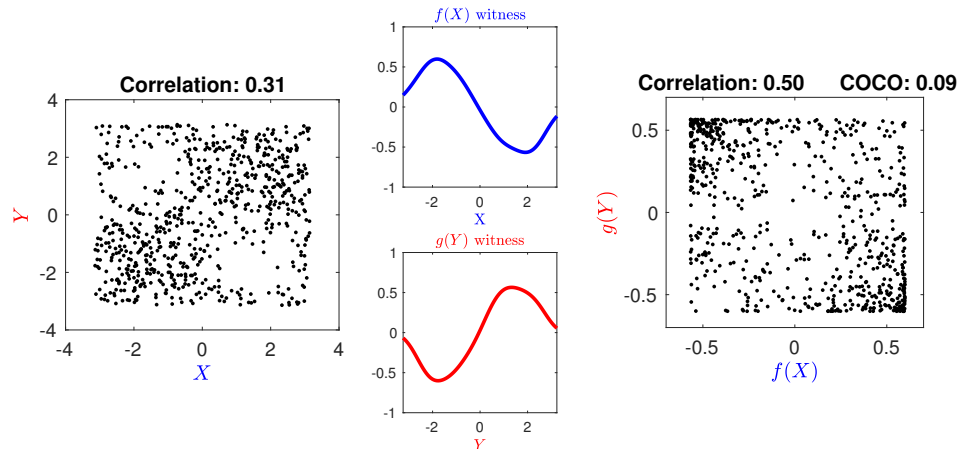
Density takes the form:

$$P_{XY} \propto 1 + \sin(\omega x) \sin(\omega y)$$

Which of these is the more “dependent”?

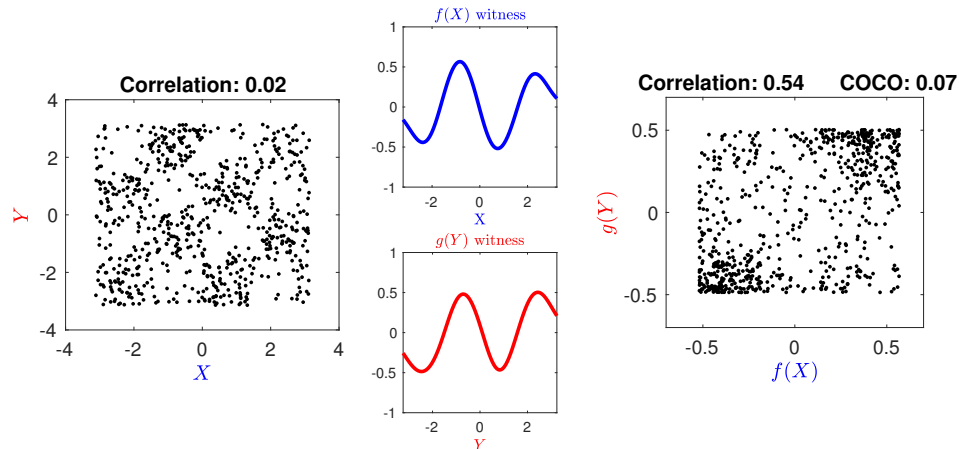
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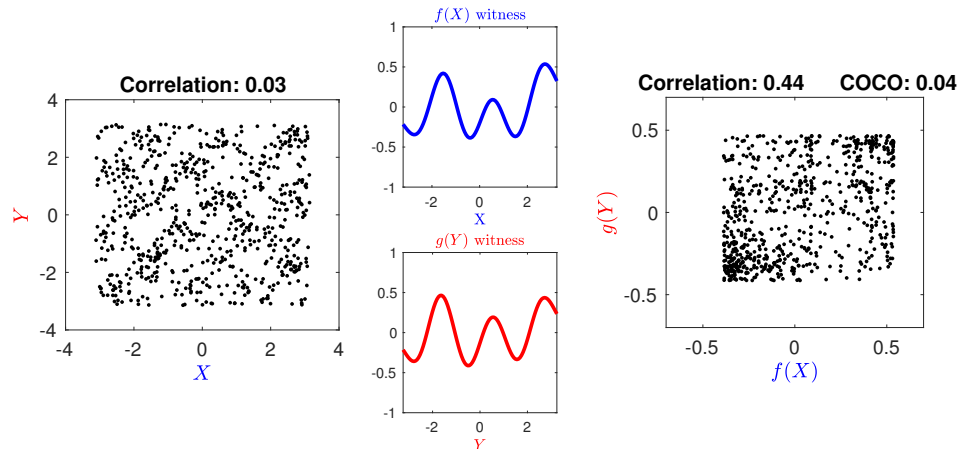
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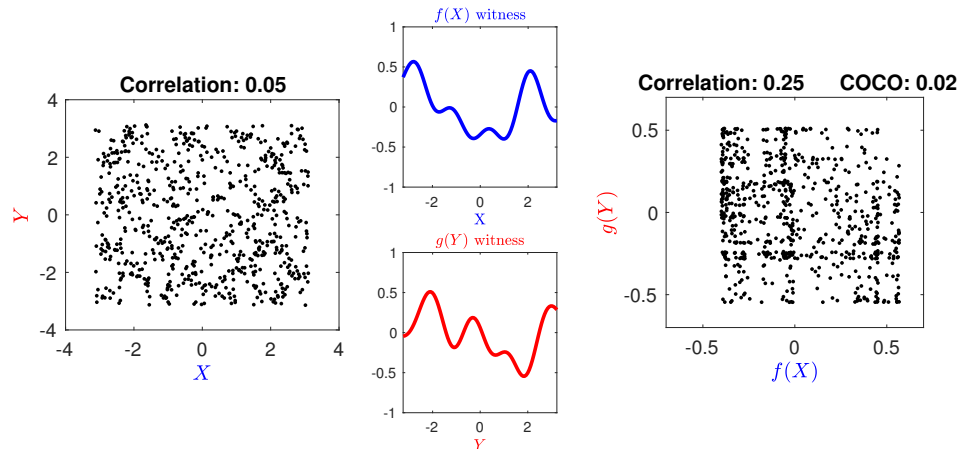
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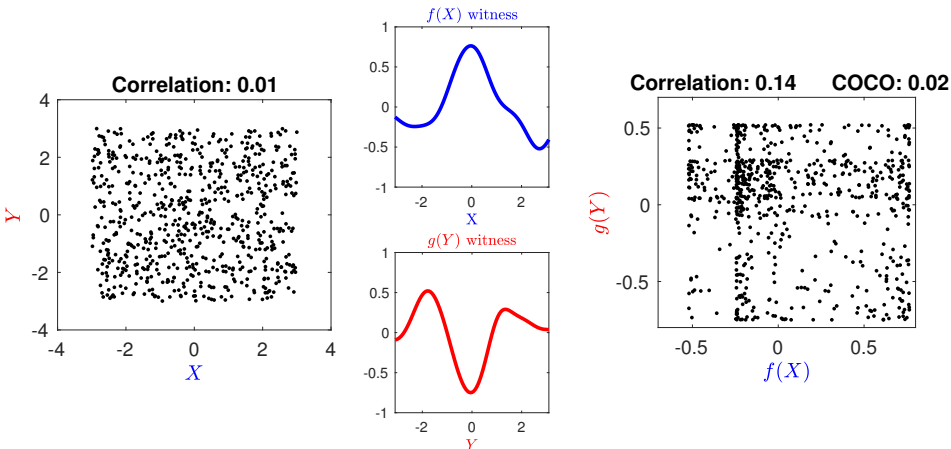
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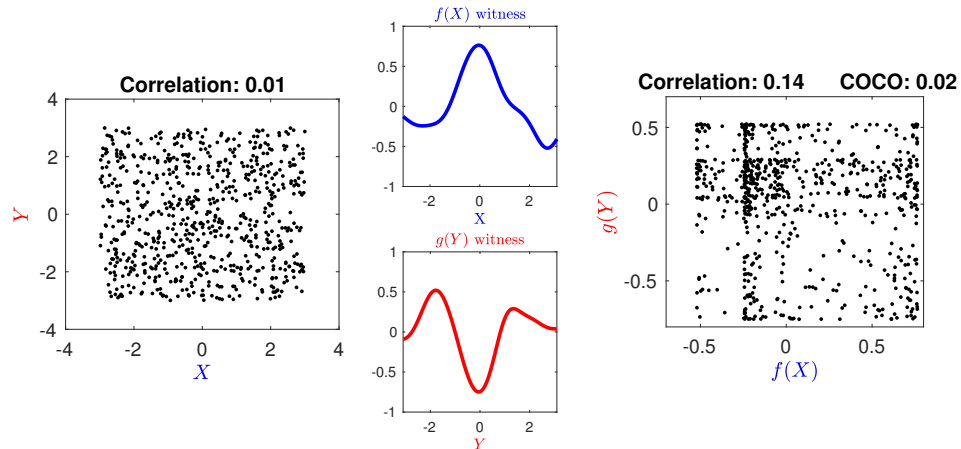
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Case of $\omega = 0$: uniform noise! (shows bias)



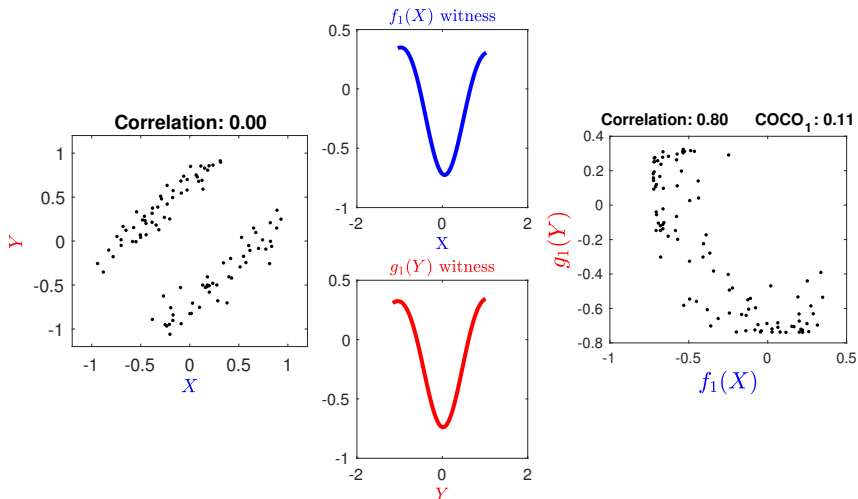
Dependence largest when at “low” frequencies

- 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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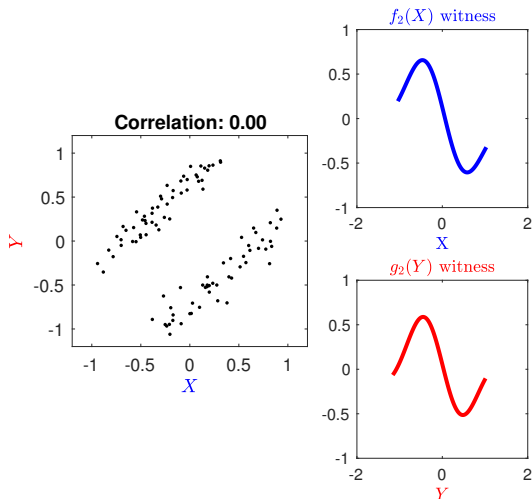
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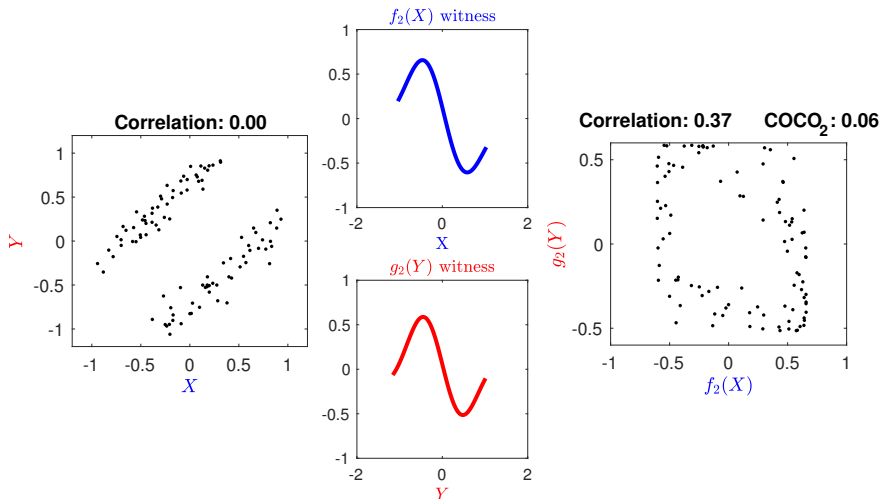
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HSIC is MMD with product kernel!

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where $\kappa((x, y), (x', y')) = k(x, x')l(y, y')$.

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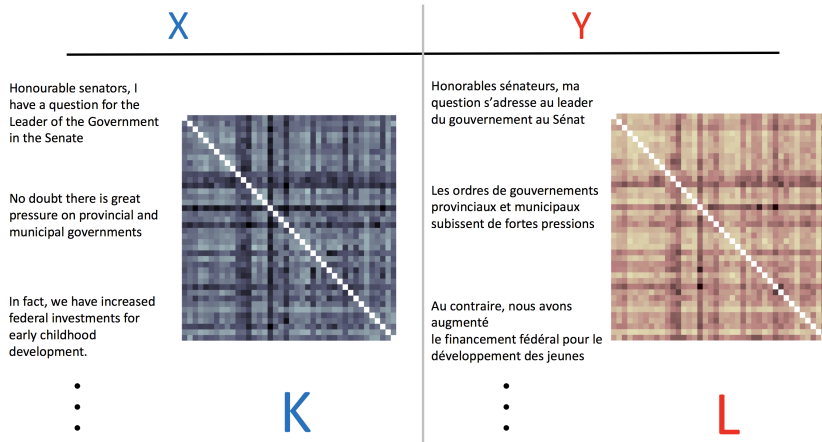
Testing task: detect dependence between English and French text

X	Y
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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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Results (for $\alpha = 0.05$)

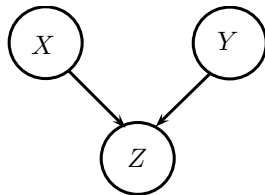
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Settings: Five line extracts, averaged over 300 repetitions, for “Agriculture” transcripts. Similar results for Fisheries and Immigration transcripts.

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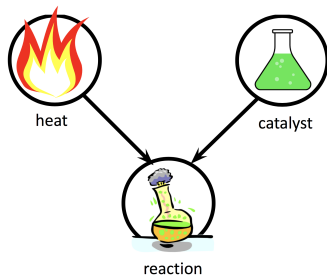
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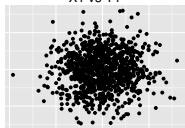


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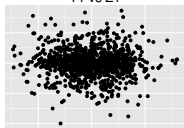
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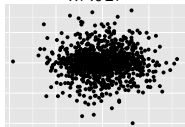
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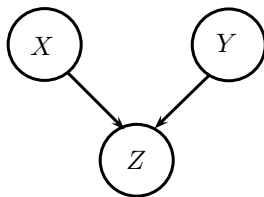
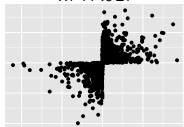
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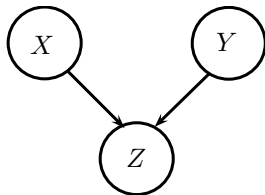
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Fine print: Faithfulness violated here!

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)

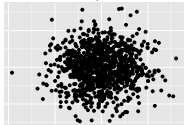
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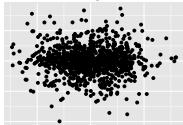
Generalise earlier example to p dimensions

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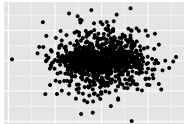
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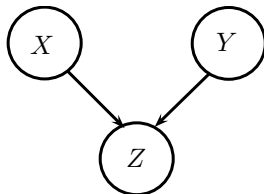
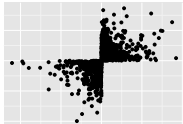
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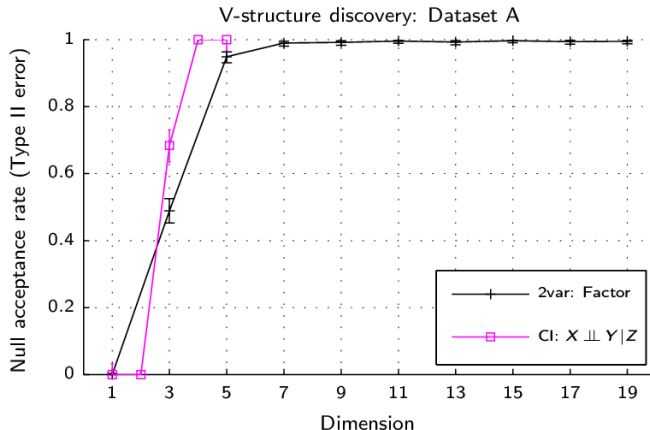
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CI test for $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y|Z$ from Zhang et al. (2011), and a factorisation test, $n = 500$

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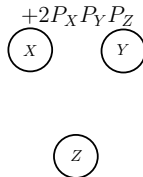
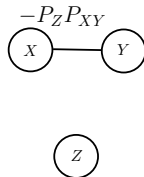
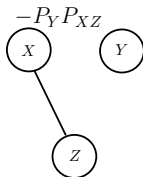
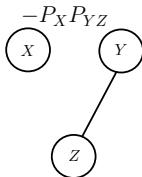
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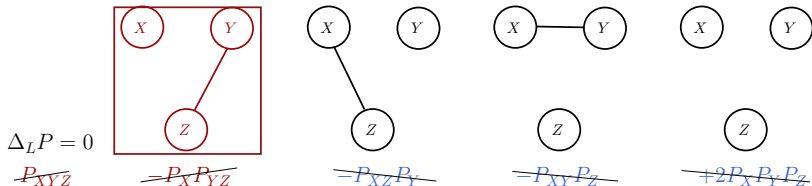


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A kernel test statistic using Lancaster Measure

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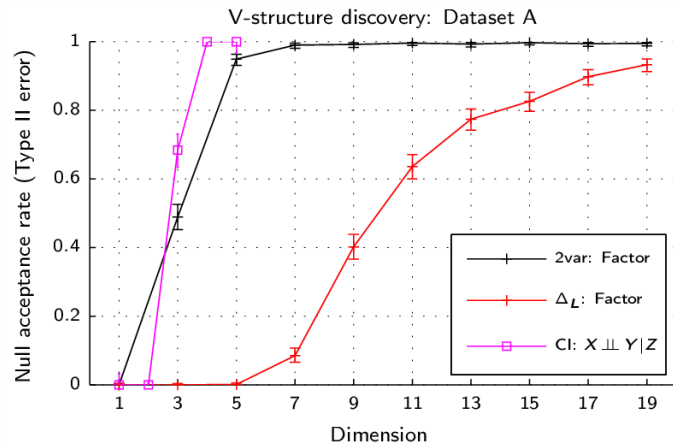
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V-structure discovery



Lancaster test, CI test for $X \perp Y | Z$ from Zhang et al. (2011), and a factorisation test, $n = 500$

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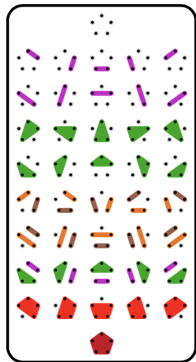
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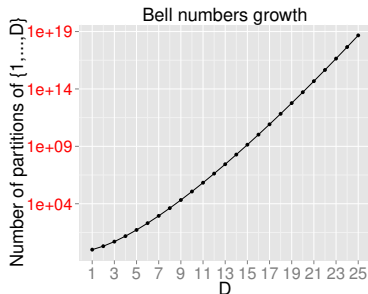
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