

A correction note to “Posterior contraction rates for level sets”
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On page. 2654, in considering the multivariate white noise model, the manuscript says that

“the stochastic differential equation $dY_n(t) = f(t)dt + n^{-1/2}dW(t)$ for $t \in [0, 1]^d$, where dW is defined through a multivariate stochastic integral with respect to independent standard Brownian motions $(W_1(t_1), \dots, W_d(t_d))$ and that

$$\int g(t)dW(t) \sim N(0, \|g\|^2) \text{ for any } g \in L^2([0, 1]^d).”$$

There is an error in the definition of W . We actually meant by $W = (W_t)_{t \in [0, 1]^d}$ the so-called Brownian sheet process, a mean-zero Gaussian process with covariance kernel

$$\mathbb{E}[W_t W_s] = \prod_{k=1}^d \min(t_k, s_k),$$

for $t = (t_1, \dots, t_d)$ and $s = (s_1, \dots, s_d)$. This process is also called a multi-parameter Gaussian process whose properties have been studied, for instance, in [1], [2] and [3]. In particular, it holds that

$$\int g(t)dW(t) \sim N(0, \|g\|^2) \text{ for any } g \in L^2([0, 1]^d).$$

With the choice of wavelets basis $\{\Psi_{j,k}\}_{j,k}$, we have the equivalent sequence space model given by

$$Y_{j,k} = \theta_{j,k} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\varepsilon_{j,k}, \quad k \in \{0, \dots, 2^j - 1\}^d, j \geq 0,$$

where the parameters are given by $\theta_{j,k} := \langle f, \Psi_{j,k} \rangle$ and $\varepsilon_{j,k} = \langle W, \Psi_{j,k} \rangle$ are all i.i.d. $N(0,1)$.

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