

the value of the expression (5). Since the mean of each w_α is equal to n_α/n , this application of E_W will produce the inequality

$$P(Z^T S^{-1} Z > c) \geq \frac{\Gamma(\frac{k+n}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2})\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \int_0^{\frac{c}{n}} x^{\frac{k}{2}-1} (1+x)^{-\frac{k+n}{2}} dx.$$

This, however, is true only under the condition (12), which holds a priori only in two cases, $k = 1$ and $k = 2$.

Remark to the Lemma. For $k = 1$, our lemma can be derived from [2]. For $k = 2$ this is a new result. For $k > 2$, in general, it does not hold. In the latter case, there are examples of systems of matrices c_α for which the inequality in (3) is reversed for all sufficiently small $c > 0$. It can be shown that for each given system of matrices c_α , the inequality (3) is nevertheless satisfied if c is sufficiently large. But we could not obtain satisfactory conditions on c which ensure that either (3) or the reverse inequality holds. We therefore have to put the case $k > 2$ aside.

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ERRATA

To the article "Stability Effect in Characterization of Distributions," by V. M. Zolotarev, Zapiski Nauchnykh Seminarov Leningradskogo Otdeleniya Matematicheskogo Instituta im. V. A. Steklova ANSSSR (Notes of Scientific Seminars of the V. A. Steklov Mathematical Institute, Leningrad Branch, Academy of Sciences of the USSR), Vol. 61, pp. 38-54, 1976 [Journal of Soviet Mathematics, Vol. 16, No. 5, pp. 1364-1377, 1981].

1) p. 1367. The form (5) of the pure problem is equivalent to (1) and (2) only under the additional condition of μ -closure of the set A and ν -closure of the set B.

2) p. 1367. In Definition 4, the inequalities $\alpha < 0$ and $\beta > 0$ should be interchanged.

3) p. 1368. Theorem 1 is wrong. Condition 4° should be replaced with condition 4* (as in Theorem 2, which is correct) or alternatively condition 3° should be replaced with condition 3* (the corresponding analog of Theorem 2 is mentioned in Remark 1).

4) p. 1370. In Lemma 1 the symbol \Leftarrow should be replaced with the reverse symbol \Rightarrow .

5) pp. 1371-1377. In Examples 1-3 we use the criterion (1°, 2°, 3°, 4*) and not the criterion (1°, 2°, 3*, 4°) as stated. Thus for 3* read 4* and for 4° read 3° everywhere.

6) p. 1375. In the corollary of Lemma 7 omit the incorrect criterion (1°, 2°, 3°, 4°).

I would like to apologize to all the readers for these inaccuracies.

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