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- Page 7, line -8 Replace $B(\mathbf{x}, \rho)$ by $B^{\circ}(\mathbf{x}, \rho)$ (pointed out by Aditya Ghosh).
- Page 11, line 1 Replace the first three lines by:

Note that

$$\frac{n_{\ell+1}}{n_{\ell}+1} \ge 1, \quad \frac{n_{\ell+1}}{n_{\ell}+1} \le \frac{(1+\delta)^{\ell+1}}{(1+\delta)^{\ell}} = 1+\delta,$$

and

$$\frac{k_{n_{\ell+1}}}{k_{n_{\ell}+1}} \le \psi\left(\frac{n_{\ell+1}-n_{\ell}-1}{n_{\ell}+1}\right) \le \psi(\delta).$$

So,

$$\frac{n_{\ell}+1}{n_{\ell+1}}(1+\varepsilon)k_{n_{\ell}+1} \ge \frac{(1+\varepsilon)k_{n_{\ell+1}}}{(1+\delta)\psi(\delta)},$$

and thus, for all δ small enough, by Chernoff's bound... (pointed out by Aditya Ghosh).

- Page 71, Theorem 6.3 Replace $(\ell + 1)$ -th by $(\ell + 1)k$ -th.
- Page 79, line 12 The formula should be $2\log(n+1) + \gamma$, without the extra v (pointed out by Christian Rau).
- Page 73, Remark 6.6 "worst" should be "worse".
- Page 88 Replace the last line by

$$f(x) \le \psi(\beta, c) \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} \max\left(\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2\beta}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}} c^{\frac{1}{\beta+1}}, 1 + \frac{2c}{\beta+1}\right)$$

(pointed out by Jiantao Jiao).

• Page 89, Lemma 7.2 The correct statement and proof of the lemma are as follows (pointed out by Jiantao Jiao):

Lemma 7.2. If f is a Lipschitz density on [0,1] satisfying $|f(x) - f(x')| \le c|x - x'|^{\beta}$ $(x, x' \in [0,1])$ for c > 0 and $\beta \in (0,1]$, then

$$\max_{x \in [0,1]} f(x) \le \psi(\beta, c) \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} \max\left(\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2\beta}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}} c^{\frac{1}{\beta+1}}, 1 + \frac{2c}{\beta+1}\right).$$

Proof. Let $x_0 \in [0,1]$ be such that $f(x_0) = M \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_{x \in [0,1]} f(x)$. Assume that $[x_0 - (\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta}, x_0 + (\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta}] \subseteq [0,1]$. Since $f(x) \ge \max(0, M - c|x - x_0|^{\beta})$, we have

$$1 = \int_{0}^{1} f(x) dx \ge \int_{x_{0} - (\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta}}^{x_{0} + (\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta}} \left(M - c|x - x_{0}|^{\beta}\right) dx$$
$$= \int_{-(\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta}}^{(\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta}} \left(M - c|x|^{\beta}\right) dx$$
$$= 2M \left(\frac{M}{c}\right)^{1/\beta} - \frac{2c}{\beta + 1} \left(\frac{M}{c}\right)^{1 + \frac{1}{\beta}}$$
$$= \frac{2M^{1 + \frac{1}{\beta}}}{c^{1/\beta}} \times \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1}.$$

Therefore,

$$M \le \left(\frac{\beta+1}{2\beta}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}} c^{\frac{1}{\beta+1}}.$$

One shows with similar arguments that when $(x_0 - (\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta} < 0$ and $x_0 + (\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta} > 1)$

$$M \le 1 + \frac{2c}{\beta + 1},$$

while when $(x_0 - (\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta} < 0 \text{ and } x_0 + (\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta} \le 1)$ or $(x_0 - (\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta} \ge 0$ and $x_0 + (\frac{M}{c})^{1/\beta} > 1)$,

$$M \le \left(\frac{\beta+1}{\beta} + \frac{c}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}} c^{\frac{1}{\beta+1}}.$$

- Page 161, lines -8 and -7 Replace "under the probability sign" by "outside the probability sign" (pointed out by Christian Rau).
- Page 237, line 9 $\operatorname{Ber}(\mu(\mathbf{x}))$ should be $\operatorname{Ber}(r(\mathbf{x}))$.

- Page 242, line 3 "Stone's 1997 paper" should be "Stone's 1977 paper" (pointed out by Christian Rau).
- Page 261, Theorem 20.9 The bounded difference condition should be

 $\sup_{\substack{(x_1,\ldots,x_n)\in A^n\\x'_i\in A}} |g(x_1,\ldots,x_n) - g(x_1,\ldots,x_{i-1},x'_i,x_{i+1},\ldots,x_n)| \le c_i, \quad 1\le i\le n,$

for some positive constants c_1, \ldots, c_n .

- Page 269, Lemma 20.5 Replace $\mathscr{C}(\mathbf{z}, \pi/6)$ by $\mathscr{C}(\mathbf{z}, \theta)$ in the second line (pointed out by Aditya Ghosh).
- Page 271, Remark 20.1 $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |g(\mathbf{y})| \log^+ |g(\mathbf{y})| \log^+ |g(\mathbf{y})| d\mathbf{y} < \infty \text{ should be } \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |g(\mathbf{y})| (\log^+ |g(\mathbf{y})|)^{d-1} d\mathbf{y} < \infty \text{ (pointed out by Arnaud Guyader).}$
- Page 273, Lemma 20.7 The second statement of the lemma should be: Moreover, for any Borel set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\mu_1\left(\left\{\mathbf{x}\in A: \limsup_{\rho\downarrow 0}\left(\frac{\mu_2\left(B_{\rho}(\mathbf{x})\right)}{\mu_1\left(B_{\rho}(\mathbf{x})\right)}\right) > t\right\}\right) \le \frac{c}{t}\,\mu_2(A)$$

(pointed out by Jiantao Jiao).