

# Lecture 7 Concentration

IEMS 402 Statistical Learning

Northwestern

# Asymptotic VS Non-Asymptotic

# Drawback of Asymptotic Theory

Asymptotic :  $f_n(T_n - \theta^*) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, I_{\theta^*}^{-1})$

$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$  :  $d$  is high . Total Variance  $\propto d \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{d}{n}}$  ← Final Error

In most of the case .  $d \propto n$  , then  $\sqrt{\frac{d}{n}}$  is  $O(1)$

$n \rightarrow \infty$

$O(1)$  distance to convergence .

# Concerntration

# First sense of Concentration

inequalities of the form

$$\text{Randomly sampled data} \rightarrow \#n$$
$$P(X \geq t) \leq \underline{\phi(t)}$$
$$\phi(n, \varepsilon)$$

where  $\phi$  goes to zero (quickly) as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

Error/risk

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$$\mathbb{P}(X^2 \geq t^2) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}{t^2} \quad (\text{Markov's Inequality})$$

different convergence rate n.p.t

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$$\frac{1}{t^3}$$

# Moment Generating Function

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A function

Argument of moment generating function

$$e^x = 1 + tx + \frac{t^2 x^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3 x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

(Info) the reweighting the poly coeffs.

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$$Y = X_1 + X_2$$

$$M_Y(t) = M_{X_1}(t) M_{X_2}(t)$$

## Sum of Independent Random Variables:

Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are  $n$  independent random variables, and the random variable  $Y$  is defined as

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} M_Y(s) &= E[e^{sY}] \\ &= E[e^{s(X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n)}] \\ &= E[e^{sX_1} e^{sX_2} \dots e^{sX_n}] \\ &= E[e^{sX_1}] E[e^{sX_2}] \dots E[e^{sX_n}] \quad (\text{since the } X_i\text{'s are independent}) \\ &= M_{X_1}(s) M_{X_2}(s) \dots M_{X_n}(s). \end{aligned}$$

# Chernoff bound

$$\Pr(X \geq a) \leq \inf_{t>0} M(t)e^{-ta}$$

$\Leftarrow$

$$\Pr(X \geq a) \leq \Pr(e^{tx} \geq e^{ta}) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{tx}]}{e^{ta}} = M(t) e^{-ta}$$

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$\mathbb{E}[e^{tx}]$

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Reason 1,  $\sigma^2$  is "Variance"

sub-Gaussian random variable

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Reason 2

$X_1 + X_2 = Y$  is  $\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$  sub-Gaussian

$$M_{X_1}(t) M_{X_2}(t) = M_Y(t)$$

$$\exp\left(\frac{t\sigma_1^2}{2}\right) \quad \exp\left(\frac{t\sigma_2^2}{2}\right)$$

↓  
 $\exp\left(\frac{t^2(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}{2}\right)$

$$\mathbb{E}[\exp(\lambda X)] \leq \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2}\right) \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Moment Generating function  
of a Gaussian

Exercise

Example

If  $X \in [a, b]$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[\exp(\lambda(X - \mathbb{E}[X]))] \leq \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2(b-a)^2}{8}\right).$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{4}(b-a)^2$$

# Chernoff bound

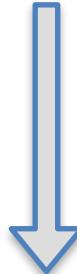
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sub-Gaussian random variable

A mean-zero random variable  $X$  is  $\sigma^2$ -sub-Gaussian if

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$$\mathbb{P}(X - \mathbb{E}[X] \geq t) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$



# Hoeffding Inequality

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  is  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2)$ -sub gaussian.



Corollary (Hoeffding bounds)  $\Rightarrow$

If  $X_i$  are independent  $\sigma_i^2$ -sub-Gaussian random variables,  
set probability to be one O(1),  $t = O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]) \geq t\right) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}\right)$$

↑  
this is a  
constant

Should be  $O(1/\sqrt{n})$ ?

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]) \geq nt\right) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{(nt)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}\right)$$

- ▶ usually stated as  $X_i \in [a, b]$ , so bound is  $\exp\left(-\frac{2nt^2}{(b-a)^2}\right)$

# Moment Generating Function is Powerful

## Bernstein's Inequality

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$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \geq t\right) \vee \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq -t\right) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{\sigma^2 + 2ct/3}\right),$$

$\sigma^2$  : variance       $|X_i| \leq c$

different  
thing

Special case:  $\sigma$  is 0

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{ct}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{nt}{c}\right) \xrightarrow{f=O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

Homework 5, Question 3

# Moment Generating Function is Powerful

## Proposition

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Let  $\{Z_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be  $\sigma^2$ -sub-Gaussian (not necessarily independent).

Then

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_i Z_i \right] \leq \sqrt{2\sigma^2 \log N}. \quad \star \Rightarrow \text{Max of n-random variables is } \log N!!$$

$$\exp(\mathbb{E}[\max_i Z_i]) \leq \mathbb{E}[\exp(t \max_i Z_i)]$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \exp(t Z_i)\right] = O(N)$$

# Application

# Johnson-Lindenstrauss Lemma

**Lemma** For any  $0 < \epsilon < 1$  and any integer  $n$  let  $k$  be a positive integer such that

$$k \geq \frac{24}{3\epsilon^2} \cdot \frac{\log n}{2\epsilon^3} \xrightarrow{\text{error}} \log \text{ of max of } \#(i,j)\text{-pairs } i, j, \quad (2)$$

then for any set  $A$  of  $n$  points  $\in \mathbb{R}^d$  there exists a map  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  such that for all  $x_i, x_j \in A$

prob p fails at a  $(i, j)$  pair  $\Downarrow$   $\|f(x_i) - f(x_j)\|^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon)\|x_i - x_j\|^2 \quad (3)$

$$\|f(x_i) - f(x_j)\| \approx \|x_i - x_j\|$$

$\leq O(n^2 p)$  to fail the

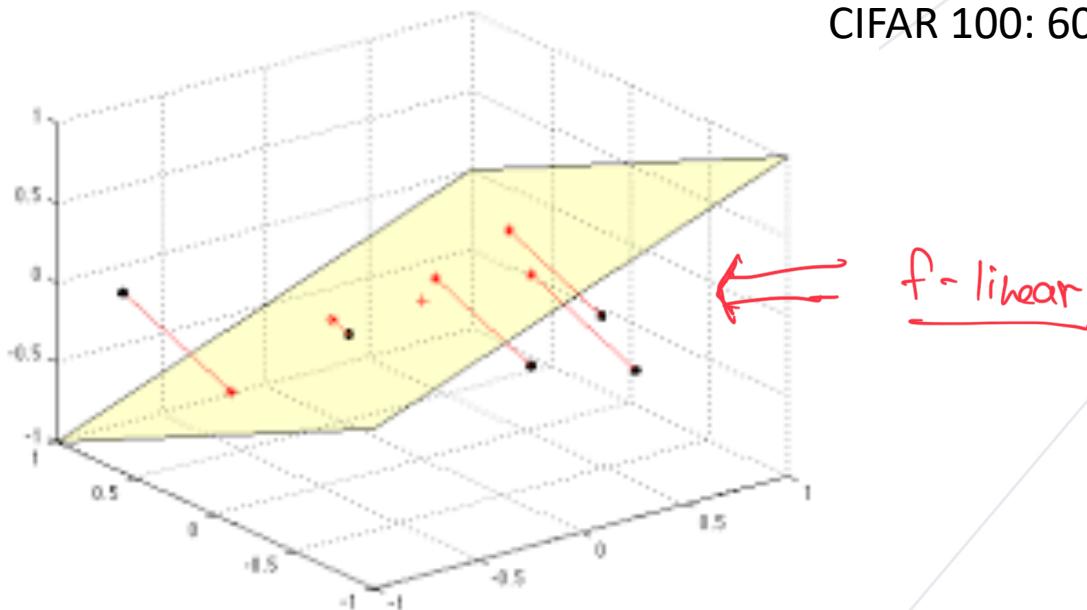
whole problem  $\Rightarrow$  set  $p$  to be  $O(\frac{1}{n^2})$

How many  $(i, j)$  pairs?  $O(n^2)$

<https://cs.stanford.edu/people/mmahoney/cs369m/Lectures/lecture1.pdf>

# Why it's important

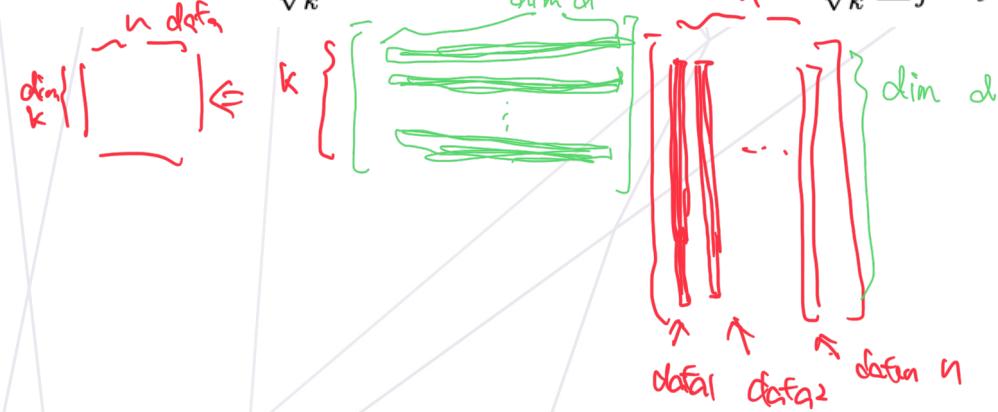
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# Idea: random projection

**Definition** Let  $R$  be a random matrix of order  $k \times d$  i.e  $R_{ij} \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} N(0, 1)$  and  $u$  be any fixed vector  $\in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Define  $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} R \cdot u$ . Thus  $v \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $v_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_j R_{ij} u_j$



# Why it's important

SVD

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Randomized  
SVD

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Halko, Nathan, Per-Gunnar Martinsson, and Joel A. Tropp. "Finding structure with randomness: Probabilistic algorithms for constructing approximate matrix decompositions." SIAM review

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**Fact 1.**  $\mathbb{E}[\|v\|^2] = \|u\|^2$

Proof:  $v \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}^d$  (normalized)  $\sim N(0, I)$  covariance

$$\mathbb{E}[(u \cdot r)^2] = \mathbb{E}[u^T r r^T u] = u^T \mathbb{E}[r r^T] u = u^T I u = u^T u = \|u\|^2$$

$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^k u_i \cdot r_i\right)^2\right] \Rightarrow N(0, (u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_d^2)) \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[(u \cdot r)^2] = \|u\|^2$

**Question.**  $\mathbb{P}(\|v\|^2 \geq (1 + \epsilon)\|u\|^2)$  Assume  $\|u\| = 1$

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$\downarrow$  k of  
l-dim projection

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$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2$$

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$\mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda x_i}]$  is the moment generating function of a  $\chi^2$ .

$$\text{Thus } \mathbb{P}[e^{\lambda(1+\epsilon)k}] \leq \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2\lambda}}\right)^k \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\lambda(1+\epsilon)k}}$$

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$$\xrightarrow{\text{set } \lambda = \frac{\epsilon}{2(1+\epsilon)}}$$

$$\leq e^{-(\epsilon^2/2 - \epsilon^3)k/2} \leq n^{-2}$$

Why?  
Uniform bound!

# Note

Not Required

another proof using epsilon-net: **Theorem 8.**

<https://www.cs.princeton.edu/~smattw/Teaching/Fa19Lectures/lec9/lec9.pdf>