

## 2/8 Update

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Note: we use  $x$  as the variable for densities and  $y$  as the variable for characteristics.

### 1 Lower Bounds for Small $p$

I verified the density for  $X_p^{(b)} = X^{(b)} / \|X^{(b)}\|_p$  where  $X^{(b)} \sim (1 - b + bx^2)e^{-x^2/2}$  is convex. See:

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In[428]:= pth[p_, b_] = Integrate[x^p * L[x, b], {x, -Infinity, Infinity}]
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$$\text{Out[428]= } \frac{2^{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(-1+2b+p)} (1 + (-1)^{2b+p}) \text{Gamma}\left[\frac{1}{2} + b + \frac{p}{2}\right]}{\sqrt{\pi}} \quad \text{if } \text{Re}[2b+p] > -1$$

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In[429]:= Lnpb[x_, p_, b_] = L[x / pth[p, b], b] / pth[p, b]
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$$\text{Out[429]= } \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}(-1+2b+p)} e^{-\frac{2^{1-2b-p} \pi x^2}{(1+(-1)^{2b+p})^2 \text{Gamma}\left[\frac{1}{2} + b + \frac{p}{2}\right]^2}} \pi^b \left( \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(-1+2b-p)} x}{(1+(-1)^{2b+p}) \text{Gamma}\left[\frac{1}{2} + b + \frac{p}{2}\right]} \right)^{2b}}{(1 + (-1)^{2b+p}) \text{Gamma}\left[\frac{1}{2} + b + \frac{p}{2}\right]} \quad \text{if } \text{Re}[2b+p] > -1$$

(\*Which is clearly convex\*)

Note the density is a gaussian times a monomial which is convex in  $y$  for arbitray  $b$  and thus the difference  $f_b - f_0$  will have two zeroes.

### 2 Higher Order Atoms

Let

$$L_n(x) = x^{2n} e^{-x^2/2}$$

to verify this is a type L density we compute the FT and note all the zeroes are real and symmetric.  
So we compute

$$I_n = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^n e^{-x^2/2} e^{-iyx} dx$$

We note via differentiation in  $y$  and DCT we have the recurrence relation  $I_{n+1}(y) = iI'_n(y)$ . So in particular  $I_{2n+2} = -I''_{2n}$ . This, in addition to the initial condition  $I_0(y) = e^{-y^2/2}$ , gives

$$I_{2n} = (-1)^n \frac{d}{dy} e^{-y^2/2} = (-1)^n e^{-y^2/2} H_{2n}$$


where  $H_{2n}$  denotes the 2nth hermite polynomial. It is well known these polynomials have all real zeroes(via Gauss-Lucas) and further  $H_{2n}$  is an even function( $H_{2n+1}$  is odd). Thus we conclude  $L_n$  constitutes a valid type L density.

*Remark.* Perhaps there is something interesting to be done using the fact these characteristic functions are the hermite polynomials. Not sure.

*Some Philosophy:* I hoped to go on establishing khintchine type inequalities for these RVs and extend "atomic structure" we started with the  $n = 1$  case. But the convexity technique we used to show the inequalities for  $n = 1$  seems to require more work. Consider a plot of the second derivative of the density:

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In[419]:= (*Is this convex?*)
Integrate[1/Sqrt[a1] * L[x/Sqrt[a1], 2] * 1/Sqrt[1-a1] * L[(y-x)/Sqrt[1-a1], 2], {x, -Infinity, Infinity}]

Out[419]= 

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} (105 (-1+a1)^2 a1^2 - 30 (-1+a1) a1 (3+14 (-1+a1) a1) y^2 + 3 (1+10 (-1+a1) a1 (2+7 (-1+a1) a1)) y^4 - 2 (-1+a1) a1 (3+14 (-1+a1) a1) y^6 + (-1+a1)^2 a1^2 y^8)$$

if Re[a1] >= Re[a1^2]

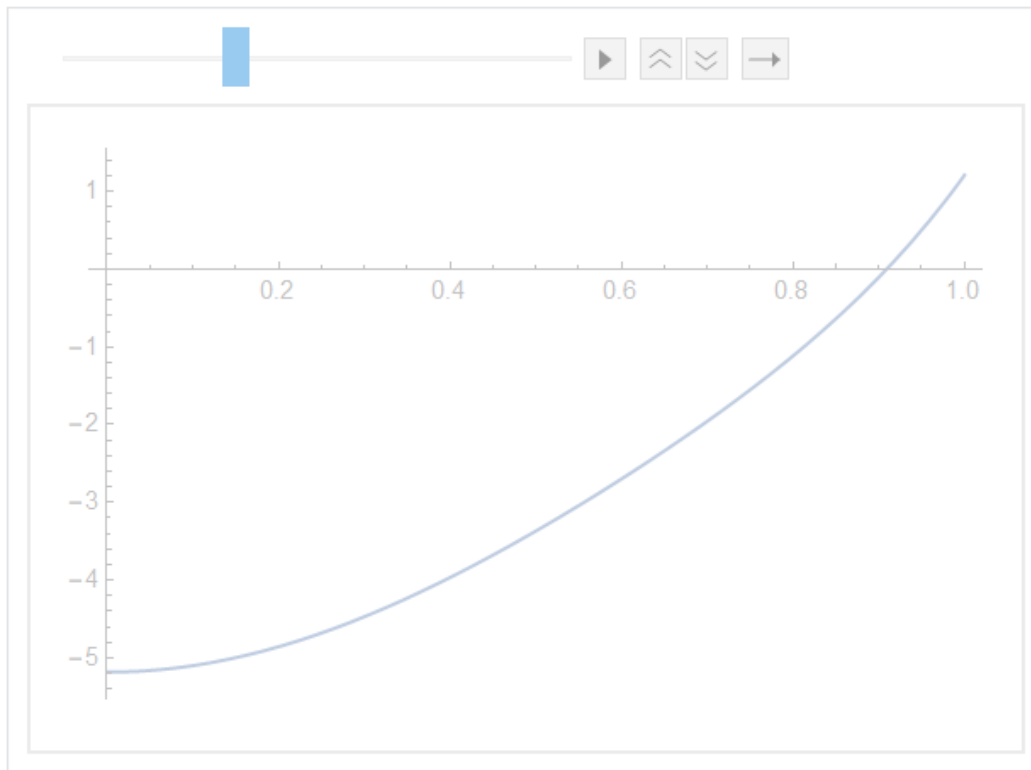
(*Key point is that the resulting density has exponent independent of a1,
a2(even in inhomogeneous case) since we sum to 1. Understanding why this true would be very useful.*)

In[423]:= p22[y_, a1_] = 105 (-1+a1)^2 a1^2 - 30 (-1+a1) a1 (3+14 (-1+a1) a1) y^2 + 3 (1+10 (-1+a1) a1 (2+7 (-1+a1) a1)) y^4 - 2 (-1+a1) a1 (3+14 (-1+a1) a1) y^6 + (-1+a1)^2 a1^2 y^8
ddp22[y_, a1_] = D[p22[y, a1], y, y]

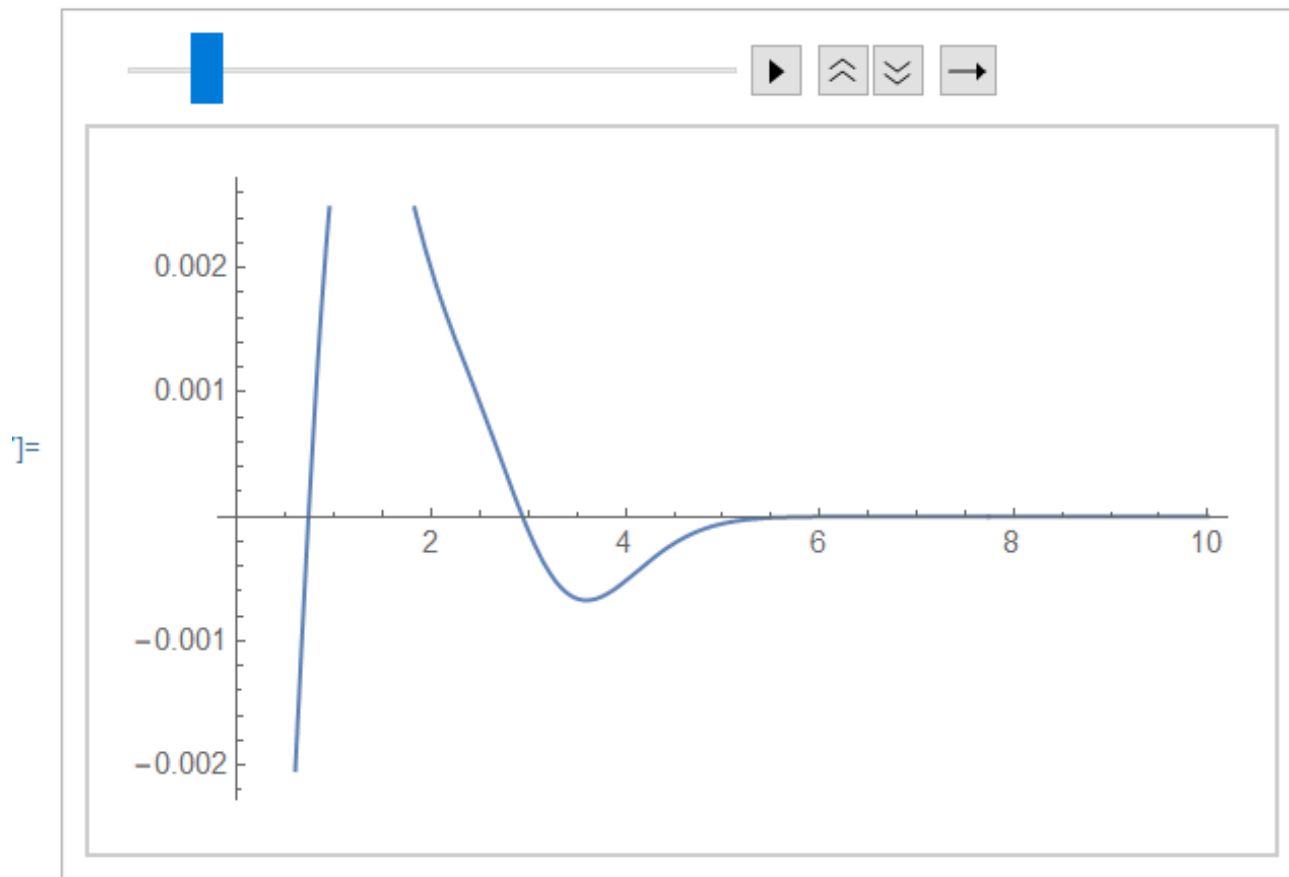
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ListAnimate[Table[Plot[{ddp22[y, a1/10]}], {y, 0, 1}], {a1, 1, 10}]]
(*So I seems convexity just breaks for higher atoms.*)
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Ie. the function is not convex. Yet there do seem to be 2 zeroes when we look at an  $\epsilon$  difference:



So we could still hope to recover khintchine inequalities here using the technique. But some more work is required.

*Question.* A key point in all these computations is that the dependence on  $a_1, a_2$  disappears. After putting some work into doing the computation

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} x^{2n} e^{-x^2/2a_1^2} x^{2m} e^{(y-x)^2/2a_2^2} dx$$

I am still not sure why. Understanding would help greatly in this general case (mathematica fails here).