

# Metric Entropy

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*Proof of Proposition 4.* We first prove that  $\mathcal{N}(\delta, \mathbb{T}, \varrho) \leq \mathcal{M}(\delta, \mathbb{T}, \varrho)$ . Denote  $\mathcal{M}(\delta, \mathbb{T}, \varrho) = m$ . Let  $\{t_1, \dots, t_m\}$  be a  $\delta$ -packing of  $\mathbb{T}$ . We claim that  $\{t_1, \dots, t_m\}$  can form a  $\delta$ -cover of  $\mathbb{T}$ , i.e., for each  $t \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \{t_1, \dots, t_m\}$ , there exist some  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $\varrho(t, t_i) \leq \delta$ . Assume that this argument failed, i.e., there exist  $t \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \{t_1, \dots, t_m\}$  such that  $\varrho(t, t_i) > \delta$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ . Then  $\{t_1, \dots, t_m\} \cup \{t\}$  can form a new  $\delta$ -packing of  $\mathbb{T}$ , which is contradictory to the packing number of  $\mathbb{T}$  is  $m$ . Note that the covering number  $\mathcal{N}(\delta, \mathbb{T}, \varrho)$  is the cardinality of the smallest  $\delta$ -cover, then this inequality holds.

We then prove that  $m' = \mathcal{M}(2\delta, \mathbb{T}, \varrho) \leq \mathcal{N}(\delta, \mathbb{T}, \varrho) = n$ . Assume that  $m' \geq n + 1$ . Let  $\{y_1, \dots, y_{m'}\}$  and  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be the  $2\delta$ -packing and  $\delta$ -cover of  $\mathbb{T}$  respectively. By the definition of  $\delta$ -cover, one has that each  $y_i$  belongs to a closed ball centered at some  $x_k$  with radius  $\delta$ . By pigeonhole, one has that there exist some  $y_i$  and  $y_j$  which belong to a closed ball centered at some  $x_k$  with radius  $\delta$ , i.e.,  $\varrho(y_i, y_j) \leq 2\delta$ , which is contradictory to that  $\{y_1, \dots, y_{m'}\}$  is the  $2\delta$ -packing of  $\mathbb{T}$ . Then this inequality holds.  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 5.* We first prove the first inequality. Let  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$  be a  $\delta$ -cover of  $B$ , then one has that

$$B \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^N \{\mathbf{x}_i + \delta B'\},$$

which implies that

$$\text{Vol}(B) \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \text{Vol}(\mathbf{x}_i + \delta B') = N\delta^d \text{Vol}(B').$$

Then the first inequality holds.

We then prove the second inequality. Let  $\{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_M\}$  be a maximal  $\delta/2$ -packing of  $B$  in the  $\|\cdot\|'$ -norm. We claim that  $\{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_M\}$  can form a  $\delta$ -cover of  $B$  in the  $\|\cdot\|'$ -norm. The balls  $\{\mathbf{y}_i + 2\delta^{-1}B'\}$  are disjoint and contained within  $B + 2\delta^{-1}B'$ . Then one has that

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta/2)^d \text{Vol}(2^{-1}\delta B + B') &= \text{Vol}(B + 2\delta^{-1}B') \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^M \text{Vol}(\mathbf{y}_i + 2\delta^{-1}B') \\ &= M(\delta/2)^d \text{Vol}(B'). \end{aligned}$$

Then the second inequality holds.  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 6.* Let

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_i = \begin{cases} 1, & Z_i \geq 0 \\ -1, & Z_i < 0 \end{cases}.$$

Then one has that  $\{\tilde{\varepsilon}_i\}_{i=1}^d$  are independent Rademacher random variables and are independent with  $\{|Z_i|\}_{i=1}^d$  and  $Z_i \stackrel{d}{=} |Z_i|\tilde{\varepsilon}_i$ . Note that

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^d t_i |Z_i| \tilde{\varepsilon}_i \middle| \tilde{\varepsilon}_1, \dots, \tilde{\varepsilon}_n\right) \stackrel{a.s.}{=} \sum_{i=1}^d t_i \tilde{\varepsilon}_i \mathbb{E}(|Z_i| \tilde{\varepsilon}_i) \stackrel{d}{=} \sqrt{2/\pi} \sum_{i=1}^d t_i \varepsilon_i,$$

one has that

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}} \sum_{i=1}^d t_i \varepsilon_i \stackrel{d}{=} \sqrt{\pi/2} \sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^d t_i |Z_i| \tilde{\varepsilon}_i \middle| \tilde{\varepsilon}_1, \dots, \tilde{\varepsilon}_n\right).$$

By using Jensen's inequality, one has that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{T}) &= \mathbb{E}\left\{\sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}} \sum_{i=1}^d t_i \varepsilon_i\right\} \\ &= \sqrt{\pi/2} \mathbb{E}\left\{\sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^d t_i |Z_i| \tilde{\varepsilon}_i \middle| \tilde{\varepsilon}_1, \dots, \tilde{\varepsilon}_n\right)\right\} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\pi/2} \mathbb{E}\left\{\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}} \sum_{i=1}^d t_i |Z_i| \tilde{\varepsilon}_i \middle| \tilde{\varepsilon}_1, \dots, \tilde{\varepsilon}_n\right)\right\} \\ &= \sqrt{\pi/2} \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}} \sum_{i=1}^d t_i |Z_i| \tilde{\varepsilon}_i\right) \\ &= \sqrt{\pi/2} \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{T}). \end{aligned}$$

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**Lemma 1** (Upper bounds for sub-Gaussian maxima). *Let  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be a sequence of zero mean sub-Gaussian random variables with parameter  $\sigma$ . Then one has that for  $n \geq 2$*

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_i|\right) \leq 2\sqrt{\sigma^2 \log n}.$$

*Proof.* Note that  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_i| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq 2n} X'_i$ , where  $X'_i = X_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $X'_i = -X_i$  for  $n+1 \leq i \leq 2n$ , we only to bound  $\mathbb{E}(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i)$ . By Jensen's inequality, one has that for all  $\lambda \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\left\{\lambda \mathbb{E}\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i\right)\right\} &\leq \mathbb{E}(e^{\lambda \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i}) \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} e^{\lambda X_i}\right) \\ &\leq n e^{\sigma^2 \lambda^2 / 2}. \end{aligned}$$

By taking logarithm, one has that

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i\right) \leq \inf_{\lambda \geq 0} \{\lambda^{-1} \log n + 2^{-1} \lambda \sigma^2\} = \sqrt{2\sigma^2 \log n}.$$

Then one has that

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_i|\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq 2n} X_i'\right) \leq \sqrt{2\sigma^2 \log 2n} \leq 2\sqrt{\sigma^2 \log n}$$

for all  $n \geq 2$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 8.* For a given  $\delta \geq 0$  and covering number  $N = \mathcal{N}(\delta, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)$ , let  $\{t_1, \dots, t_N\}$  be a  $\delta$ -cover of  $\mathbb{T}$ . For any  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ , one can find some  $t_i$  such that  $\varrho_X(t, t_i) \leq \delta$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} X_t - X_{t'} &= X_t - X_{t_i} + X_{t_i} - X_{t_1} + X_{t_1} - X_{t_i} + X_{t_i} - X_{t'} \\ &\leq 2 \sup_{t, t' \in \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X(\gamma, \gamma') \leq \delta} (X_\gamma - X_{\gamma'}) + 2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |X_{t_i} - X_{t_1}|, \end{aligned}$$

then one has that

$$\sup_{t, t' \in \mathbb{T}} (X_t - X_{t'}) \leq 2 \sup_{t, t' \in \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X(\gamma, \gamma') \leq \delta} (X_\gamma - X_{\gamma'}) + 2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |X_{t_i} - X_{t_1}|$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\sup_{t, t' \in \mathbb{T}} (X_t - X_{t'})\right\} \leq 2\mathbb{E}\left\{\sup_{t, t' \in \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X(\gamma, \gamma') \leq \delta} (X_\gamma - X_{\gamma'})\right\} + 2\mathbb{E}\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |X_{t_i} - X_{t_1}|\right).$$

Note that  $\{X_t, t \in \mathbb{T}\}$  be a zero-mean sub-Gaussian process with respect to the metric  $\varrho_X$ , then for each  $i$ , the random variable  $X_{t_i} - X_{t_1}$  is zero-mean and sub-Gaussian with parameter  $\varrho_X(t_i, t_1) \leq D$ . Then by Lemma 1, one has that

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |X_{t_i} - X_{t_1}|\right) \leq 2\sqrt{D^2 \log N} = 2D\sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(\delta, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)}.$$

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*Proof of Theorem 9.* Recall that

$$\sup_{t, t' \in \mathbb{T}} (X_t - X_{t'}) \leq 2 \sup_{t, t' \in \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X(\gamma, \gamma') \leq \delta} (X_\gamma - X_{\gamma'}) + 2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |X_{t_i} - X_{t_1}|.$$

Define  $\mathbb{U} = \{t_1, \dots, t_N\}$  where  $N = \mathcal{N}(\delta, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)$ . Then one has that

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |X_{t_i} - X_{t_1}| \leq \max_{t, \tilde{t} \in \mathbb{U}} |X_t - X_{\tilde{t}}|.$$

For each integer  $m = 1, \dots, L$ , let  $\mathbb{U}_m$  be a minimal  $2^{-m}D$ -cover set of  $\mathbb{U}$  in the metric  $\varrho_X$ , where we allow for any element of  $\mathbb{T}$  to be used in forming the cover. Since each  $\mathbb{U}_m$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{T}$ , each set has cardinality  $N_m = \text{Card}(\mathbb{U}_m) \leq \mathcal{N}(2^{-m}D, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)$ . Since  $\mathbb{U}_m$  is finite, then there is some finite integer  $L$  such that  $\mathbb{U}_L = \mathbb{U}$ . For each  $m$ , define the mapping  $\pi_m : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}_m$  via

$$\pi_m(t) = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{U}_m} \varrho_X(t, \beta).$$

Using this notation, we can decompose  $X_t$  into a sum of increments in terms of an associated sequence  $\{\gamma_m\}_{m=1}^L$  with  $\gamma_L = t$  and  $\gamma_{m-1} = \pi_{m-1}(\gamma_m)$  for  $m = 2, \dots, L$ . Then one has the chaining relation

$$X_t - X_{\gamma_1} = \sum_{m=2}^L (X_{\gamma_m} - X_{\gamma_{m-1}}),$$

which can be bounded by

$$|X_t - X_{\gamma_1}| \leq \sum_{m=2}^L \max_{\beta \in \mathbb{U}_m} |X_\beta - X_{\pi_{m-1}(\beta)}|.$$

Similarly, for another  $\tilde{t} \in \mathbb{U}$ , one can define  $\{\tilde{\gamma}_m\}_{m=1}^L$  to obtain

$$X_{\tilde{t}} - X_{\tilde{\gamma}_1} = \sum_{m=2}^L (X_{\tilde{\gamma}_m} - X_{\tilde{\gamma}_{m-1}}),$$

which can be bounded by

$$|X_{\tilde{t}} - X_{\tilde{\gamma}_1}| \leq \sum_{m=2}^L \max_{\beta \in \mathbb{U}_m} |X_\beta - X_{\pi_{m-1}(\beta)}|.$$

Then for  $t, t' \in \mathbb{U}_m$ , one has that

$$\begin{aligned} |X_t - X_{t'}| &= |X_t - X_{\gamma_1} + X_{\gamma_1} - X_{\tilde{\gamma}_1} - X_{\tilde{\gamma}_1} - X_{t'}| \\ &\leq \max_{\gamma, \tilde{\gamma} \in \mathbb{U}_1} |X_\gamma - X_{\tilde{\gamma}}| + 2 \sum_{m=2}^L \max_{\beta \in \mathbb{U}_m} |X_\beta - X_{\pi_{m-1}(\beta)}|. \end{aligned}$$

We first upper bound the finite maximum over  $\mathbb{U}_1$ , which has  $\mathcal{N}(D/2, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)$  elements. Note that  $X_\gamma - X_{\tilde{\gamma}}$  is sub-Gaussian with parameter  $\varrho_X(\gamma, \tilde{\gamma}) \leq D$ . By Lemma 1, one has that

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{\gamma, \tilde{\gamma} \in \mathbb{U}_1} |X_\gamma - X_{\tilde{\gamma}}|\right\} \leq 2D\sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(D/2, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)}.$$

Similarly, for  $m = 2, \dots, L$ ,  $\mathbb{U}_m$  has  $\mathcal{N}(2^{-m}D, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)$  elements and  $\varrho_X(\beta, \pi_{m-1}(\beta)) \leq 2^{-(m-1)}D$ . Then one has that

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{\beta \in \mathbb{U}_m} |X_\beta - X_{\pi_{m-1}(\beta)}|\right\} \leq 2 \times 2^{-(m-1)}D\sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(2^{-m}D, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)}.$$

Combining the pieces, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{t, t' \in \mathbb{U}} |X_t - X_{t'}|\right\} &\leq 2D\sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(D/2, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)} + 4 \sum_{m=2}^L 2^{-(m-1)}D\sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(2^{-m}D, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)} \\ &\leq 4 \sum_{m=1}^L 2^{-(m-1)}D\sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(2^{-m}D, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)} \\ &= 16 \sum_{m=1}^L 2^{-(m+1)}D\sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(2^{-m}D, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)} \\ &\leq 16 \sum_{m=1}^L \int_{2^{-(m+1)}D}^{2^{-m}D} \sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(u, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)} du \\ &\leq 16 \int_{\delta/4}^D \sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(u, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)} du. \end{aligned}$$

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**Lemma 2.** Let  $\{Y_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be non-negative random variables such that  $\|Y_i\|_{\psi_q} \leq 1$ . Then for any measurable set  $A$ , one has that

$$\mathbb{E}_A(Y_i) \leq \mathbb{P}(A)\psi_q^{-1}(1/\mathbb{P}(A))$$

for all  $i = 1, \dots, N$  and

$$\mathbb{E}_A\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} Y_i\right) \leq \mathbb{P}(A)\psi_q^{-1}(N/\mathbb{P}(A)),$$

where  $\mathbb{E}_A(Y) = \int_A Y d\mathbb{P}$ .

*Proof.* By definition and Jensen's inequality, one has that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_A(Y) &= \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{E}(Y|Y \in A) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{E}\left\{\psi_q^{-1}(\psi_q(Y)) \middle| Y \in A\right\} \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}(A)\psi_q^{-1}\left(\mathbb{E}\{\psi_q(Y)|Y \in A\}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(A)\psi_q^{-1}\left(\mathbb{E}_A\{\psi_q(Y)\}/\mathbb{P}(A)\right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}(A)\psi_q^{-1}(1/\mathbb{P}(A)). \end{aligned}$$

Any measurable set  $A$  can be partitioned into a disjoint union of sets  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^N$  such that  $Y_i = \max_{1 \leq j \leq N} Y_j$  on  $A_i$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_A\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} Y_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}_{A_i}(Y_i) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(A_i)\psi_q^{-1}(1/\mathbb{P}(A_i)) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(A) \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(A_i)\psi_q^{-1}(1/\mathbb{P}(A_i))/\mathbb{P}(A) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}(A)\psi_q^{-1}(N/\mathbb{P}(A)). \end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof of Theorem 12.* Denote  $Z = \sup_{t, t' \in \mathbb{T}} |X_t - X_{t'}|$ . If we have shown that

$$\mathbb{E}_A(Z) \leq 16\mathbb{P}(A) \int_0^D \psi_q^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathcal{N}(u, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)}{\mathbb{P}(A)}\right) du.$$

Then by taking  $A = \{Z \geq z\}$ , one has that

$$\mathbb{P}(Z \geq z) \leq z^{-1}\mathbb{E}_{\{Z \geq z\}}(Z) \leq 16t^{-1}\mathbb{P}(Z \geq z) \int_0^D \psi_q^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathcal{N}(u, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)}{\mathbb{P}(Z \geq z)}\right) du.$$

Then by canceling out  $\mathbb{P}(Z \geq z)$  and using  $\psi_q^{-1}(ab) \leq c\{\psi_q^{-1}(a) + \psi_q^{-1}(b)\}$ , one has that

$$\begin{aligned} t &\leq 16 \int_0^D \psi_q^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathcal{N}(u, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)}{\mathbb{P}(Z \geq z)}\right) du \\ &\leq 16c\left\{\mathcal{J}_q(0, D) + D\psi_q^{-1}(1/\mathbb{P}(Z \geq z))\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , set  $z = 16c\mathcal{J}_q(0, D) + 16c\epsilon$ . Some algebra then yields the inequality

$$\mathbb{P}\left[Z \geq c\{\mathcal{J}_q(0, D) + \epsilon\}\right] \leq 1/\psi_q(\epsilon/D).$$

By following the one-step discretization, one has that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_A(Z) &\leq 2\mathbb{E}_A\left\{\sup_{t, t' \in \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X(\gamma, \gamma') \leq \delta} (X_\gamma - X_{\gamma'})\right\} + 2\mathbb{E}_A\left\{\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |X_{t_i} - X_{t_1}|\right\} \\ &\leq 2\mathbb{E}_A\left\{\sup_{t, t' \in \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X(\gamma, \gamma') \leq \delta} (X_\gamma - X_{\gamma'})\right\} + 2\mathbb{E}_A\left\{\max_{t, \tilde{t} \in \mathbb{U}} |X_t - X_{\tilde{t}}|\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbb{U} = \{t_1, \dots, t_N\}$  is a  $\delta$ -cover of  $\mathbb{T}$ . For  $m = 1, \dots, L$ , let  $\mathbb{U}_m$  be a minimal  $2^{-m}D$ -cover of  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $N_m = \mathcal{N}(2^{-m}D, \mathbb{U}, \varrho_X)$  elements. For each  $m$ , define the mapping  $\pi_m : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}_m$  via

$$\pi_m(t) = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{U}_m} \varrho_X(t, \beta).$$

Then one has that

$$\mathbb{E}_A\left\{\max_{t, \tilde{t} \in \mathbb{U}} |X_t - X_{\tilde{t}}|\right\} \leq 2 \sum_{m=1}^L \mathbb{E}_A\left\{\max_{\beta \in \mathbb{U}_m} |X_\beta - X_{\pi_{m-1}(\beta)}|\right\}.$$

For each  $\beta \in \mathbb{U}_m$ , one has that

$$\|X_\beta - X_{\pi_{m-1}(\beta)}\|_{\psi_q} \leq \varrho_X(\beta, \pi_{m-1}(\beta)) \leq 2^{-(m-1)}D.$$

By applying Lemma 2, one has that

$$\mathbb{E}_A\left\{\max_{\beta \in \mathbb{U}_m} |X_\beta - X_{\pi_{m-1}(\beta)}|\right\} \leq \mathbb{P}(A) 2^{-(m-1)} D \psi_q^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathcal{N}(2^{-m}D, \mathbb{U}, \varrho_X)}{\mathbb{P}(A)}\right).$$

Then one has that

$$\begin{aligned} 2\mathbb{E}_A\left\{\max_{t, \tilde{t} \in \mathbb{U}} |X_t - X_{\tilde{t}}|\right\} &\leq 4\mathbb{P}(A) \sum_{m=1}^L 2^{-(m-1)} D \psi_q^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathcal{N}(2^{-m}D, \mathbb{U}, \varrho_X)}{\mathbb{P}(A)}\right) \\ &= 16\mathbb{P}(A) \sum_{m=1}^L 2^{-(m+1)} D \psi_q^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathcal{N}(2^{-m}D, \mathbb{U}, \varrho_X)}{\mathbb{P}(A)}\right) \\ &\leq 16\mathbb{P}(A) \int_0^D \psi_q^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathcal{N}(u, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)}{\mathbb{P}(A)}\right) du. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\delta \rightarrow 0^+$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}_A(Z) \leq 16\mathbb{P}(A) \int_0^D \psi_q^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathcal{N}(u, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)}{\mathbb{P}(A)}\right) du.$$

□

**Lemma 3** (Gaussian interpolation). *Consider two independent Gaussian  $N$ -dimensional random vectors  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_1)$  and  $\mathbf{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_2)$ . Define*

$$\mathbf{Z}(t) = \sqrt{1-t}\mathbf{X} + \sqrt{t}\mathbf{Y}.$$

*Then for any twice-differentiable function  $F : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , one has that*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{E}\left\{F(\mathbf{Z}(t))\right\} = 2^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N (\Sigma_{2,ij} - \Sigma_{1,ij}) \mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial u_i \partial u_j}(\mathbf{Z}(t))\right\}.$$

*Proof.* By using the chain rule, one has that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{E} \left\{ F(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \right\} &= 2^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \{ -(1-t)^{-1/2} X_i + t^{-1/2} Y_i \} \right] \\ &= -2^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (1-t)^{-1/2} \mathbb{E} \left[ X_i \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \right] + 2^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N t^{-1/2} \mathbb{E} \left[ Y_i \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By using Gaussian integration by parts, one has that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ X_i \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \right] = \sum_{j=1}^N \Sigma_{1,ij} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial u_i \partial u_j}(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \right] \times \sqrt{1-t}$$

and

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ Y_i \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \right] = \sum_{j=1}^N \Sigma_{2,ij} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial u_i \partial u_j}(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \right] \times \sqrt{t}.$$

Combining the two sums we complete the proof.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 13.* This is trivial by using Lemma 3.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 14.* Let  $F_\beta(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \beta^{-1} \log \left( \sum_{j=1}^N e^{\beta x_j} \right)$ . One has that

$$\max_{1 \leq j \leq N} x_j \leq F_\beta(x_1, \dots, x_N) \leq \max_{1 \leq j \leq N} x_j + \beta^{-1} \log N$$

for all  $\beta > 0$ . Then use Theorem 13 by taking  $A = \emptyset$  and  $B = \{(i, j) : i \neq j\}$ , one has that

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq j \leq N} X_i \right\} \leq \mathbb{E} \{ F_\beta(X_i) \} \leq \mathbb{E} \{ F_\beta(Y_i) \} \leq \mathbb{E} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq j \leq N} Y_i \right\} + \beta^{-1} \log N.$$

Let  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  yield the result.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 17.* Denote  $M = \mathcal{M}(\delta, \mathbb{T}, \varrho_X)$ . For any  $\delta > 0$ , let  $\{t_1, \dots, t_M\}$  be a  $\delta$ -packing of  $\mathbb{T}$ . Then one has that

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{t_i} - X_{t_j})^2 = \varrho_X^2(t_i, t_j) > \delta^2$$

for all  $i \neq j$ . Let  $\{Y_i\}_{i=1}^M$  be independent  $\mathcal{N}(0, \delta^2/2)$  random variables. Then one has that

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{t_i} - X_{t_j})^2 \geq \mathbb{E}(Y_i - Y_j)^2$$

for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ . Then by Theorem 15, one has that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}} X_t) &\geq \mathbb{E}(\max_{1 \leq i \leq M} X_{t_i}) \\ &\geq \mathbb{E}(\max_{1 \leq i \leq M} Y_i) \\ &\geq \sqrt{\delta^2 \log M/2} \times \mathbb{P}(\max_{1 \leq i \leq M} Y_i \geq \sqrt{\delta^2 \log M/2}) \\ &= \sqrt{\delta^2 \log M/2} \{1 - \Phi^M(\sqrt{\log M})\} \\ &\geq \sqrt{\delta^2 \log M/2} \{1 - (2\pi)^{-1/2} M^{-1/2}\} \\ &\geq 2^{-1} \delta \sqrt{\log M}. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$