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# CSE253 Homework 1

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## 1 Problems from Bishop

### 1.1

From equation (1.42), we can get

$$S_d = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^d \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x_i^2} dx_i}{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r^{d-1} dr} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^d \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_i^2} dx_i}{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r^{d-1} dr} \quad (2)$$

$$(3)$$

Then use equation (1.41) where  $\lambda = 2$  to simplify  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_i^2} dx_i$  as  $\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
Then the nominator of  $S_d$  is

$$\prod_{i=1}^d \pi^{\frac{1}{2}} = \pi^{\frac{d}{2}}$$

For the denominator, let  $u = r^2$  and  $du = 2rdr$  then

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r^{d-1} dr = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r^{d-2} r dr \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} u^{\frac{d}{2}-1} du \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \Gamma(d/2) \quad (6)$$

Therefore, we can get

$$S_d = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2} \Gamma(d/2)} \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \quad (1.43 \text{ proved}) \quad (8)$$

When  $d = 2$ ,  $S_2 = \frac{2\pi}{\Gamma(1)} = 2\pi$ , which is the perimeter of a circle

When  $d = 3$ ,  $S_3 = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})} = 4\pi$ , which is the surface area of a unit sphere in 3 dimensions.

## 1.2

(1) First get the surface area of a sphere of radius  $a$  in  $d$  dimensions. Consider the surface of a unit sphere in  $d$  dimensions is the sum of the area of many enough small cube. Then the area of the small cube is  $b^{d-1}$ . If we extend this problem into a sphere of radius  $a$  in  $d$  dimension, it is obvious that the small cube's area is  $(ab)^{d-1}$  since each edge is  $a$  times as before. Thus, the area of a sphere of radius  $a$  in  $d$  dimensions is  $S_d a^{d-1}$ . Thus the volume of a sphere of radius  $a$  in  $d$  dimensions is

$$V_d = \int_0^a S_d r^{d-1} dr \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{S_d a^d}{d} \quad (1.45 \text{ proved}) \quad (10)$$

(2) The volume of a hypercube of side  $2a$  is  $(2a)^d$ , so

$$\frac{V \text{ of hypersphere}}{V \text{ of hypercube}} = \frac{\frac{S_d a^d}{d}}{(2a)^d} = \frac{S_d}{d 2^d} = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{d 2^d \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{d 2^{d-1} \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \quad (1.46 \text{ proved}) \quad (11)$$

(3) As  $d \rightarrow \infty$ , using equation 1.47, in which  $x = \frac{d}{2}$ ,

$$\Gamma(\frac{d}{2}) \simeq (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{d}{2}+1} (\frac{d}{2} - 1)^{\frac{d}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} \quad (12)$$

$$\simeq (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{d}{2}} (\frac{d}{2})^{\frac{d}{2}} \quad (13)$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{V \text{ of hypersphere}}{V \text{ of hypercube}} \simeq \frac{(\pi e)^{\frac{d}{2}}}{d 2^{d-1} (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\frac{d}{2})^{\frac{d}{2}}} \xrightarrow{d \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad (14)$$

(4) With geometry knowledge,

$$d_{\text{center to corner}} = \frac{2\alpha\sqrt{d}}{2} = \alpha\sqrt{d} \quad (15)$$

$$d_{\text{center to edge}} = \frac{2a}{2} = a \quad (16)$$

Therefore, we have

$$\frac{d_{\text{center to corner}}}{d_{\text{center to edge}}} = \sqrt{d} \xrightarrow{d \rightarrow \infty} \infty \quad (proved) \quad (17)$$

## 1.3

(1) With equation (1.45), the volume of a sphere of radius  $a$  in  $d$  dimension is  $V_{d,a} = \frac{S_d a^d}{d}$ , and the volume of a sphere of radius  $a - \epsilon$  in  $d$  dimension is  $V_{d,a-\epsilon} = \frac{S_d (a-\epsilon)^d}{d}$ . Therefore, the fraction of the volume of the sphere which lies at the value of the radius between  $a - \epsilon$  and  $a$  is

$$\frac{V_{d,a} - V_{d,a-\epsilon}}{V_{d,a}} = \frac{a^d - (a-\epsilon)^d}{a^d} = 1 - (1 - \frac{\epsilon}{a})^d = f \quad (1.48 \text{ proved}) \quad (18)$$

Since  $0 < \epsilon < a$ , we have  $0 < 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{a} < 1$ , therefore, as  $d \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $(1 - \frac{\epsilon}{a})^d \rightarrow 0$ ,  $f = 1 - (1 - \frac{\epsilon}{a})^d \rightarrow 1$  (proved)

(2) when  $\frac{\epsilon}{a} = 0.01$ ,

$$f_{d=2} = 1 - (1 - 0.01)^2 = 0.0199$$

$$f_{d=10} = 1 - (1 - 0.01)^{10} = 0.0956$$

$$f_{d=1000} = 1 - (1 - 0.01)^{1000} = 0.999$$

When  $\epsilon = \frac{a}{2}$ ,  $\frac{\epsilon}{a} = 0.5$ , the fraction lying inside  $\epsilon$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{d=2} &= (1 - 0.5)^2 = 0.25 \\ f_{d=10} &= (1 - 0.5)^{10} = 9.7e - 4 \\ f_{d=1000} &= (1 - 0.5)^{1000} = 9.3e - 302 \end{aligned}$$

#### 1.4

(1) From equation (1.42), we can get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-||x_i||^2} dx_i = S_d \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r^{d-1} dr \quad (19)$$

Since  $\int p(x)dx = \int p(r)dr$ , we can get

$$p(r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}} S_d r^{d-1} = \frac{S_d r^{d-1}}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (1.50 \text{ proved}) \quad (20)$$

(2) Take the derivative of  $p(r)$

$$\frac{dp(r)}{dr} = \frac{S_d(d-1)r^{d-2}}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}} - \frac{S_d r^d}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (21)$$

$$= \frac{S_d r^{d-2}}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}} [(d-1)\sigma^2 - r^2] \quad (22)$$

when  $\frac{dp(r)}{dr} = 0$ ,  $r^2 = (d-1)\sigma^2 \xrightarrow{d \rightarrow \infty} r \simeq \sqrt{d}\sigma$ , proved.

(3) With equation (1.50), we have

$$\frac{p(\hat{r} + \epsilon)}{p(\hat{r})} = \left(\frac{r + \epsilon}{r}\right)^{d-1} e^{-\frac{(r+\epsilon)^2 - r^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (23)$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{r}\right)^{d-1} e^{-\frac{2r\epsilon + \epsilon^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (24)$$

$$= e^{(d-1)\ln(1+\epsilon/r)} e^{-\frac{2r\epsilon + \epsilon^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (25)$$

$$= e^{\frac{\epsilon}{r} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{2r^2} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{2r^2} - \frac{r\epsilon}{\sigma^2} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{2\sigma^2}} (\ln(1+x) \simeq x - x^2/2, \quad d-1 \simeq d) \quad (26)$$

$$= e^{-\frac{\epsilon^2}{\sigma^2}} \quad (1.51 \text{ proved}) \quad (27)$$