

2.61 Let us consider a case of a finite set of points that are relatively close to each other and not far from the origin.

For all \mathbf{x} that are far away from the given finite set of points, the volume V increases but the fraction $1/V$ never truly goes to 0. Let these points belong to a set \mathcal{FARSET} .

For these far points, V is the volume of a D-ball (a hypersphere in D dimensions) centered at \mathbf{x} with radius r that is approximately equal to the distance from the given set of finite points.

$$V \simeq \frac{\pi^{D/2} r^D}{\Gamma(D/2 + 1)}$$

We can approximately treat the given set of points as a single points since the distances to \mathbf{x} are much greater than the distances between the points.

K/N is a constant. Given all these assumptions, the integral

$$\frac{K}{N} \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{FARSET}} \frac{1}{V} d\mathbf{x}$$

can be approximated as

$$\begin{aligned} & \simeq \frac{K}{N} \int_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \int_{r \in \mathcal{FARSET}} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\pi^{D/2} r^D}{\Gamma(D/2 + 1)} \right)} dr d\boldsymbol{\theta} \\ & = \left(\frac{K}{N} \right) \left(\frac{\Gamma(D/2 + 1)}{\pi^{D/2}} \right) \int_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \int_{r \in \mathcal{FARSET}} r^{-D} dr d\boldsymbol{\theta} \\ & = \left(\frac{K}{N} \right) \left(\frac{\Gamma(D/2 + 1)}{\pi^{D/2}} \right) \int_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{r^{-D+1}}{-D} \Big|_{r \in \mathcal{FARSET}} d\boldsymbol{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{r^{-D+1}}{-D} \Big|_{r \in \mathcal{FARSET}}$ diverges. Therefore, K-nearest-neighbour density model defines an improper distribution whose integral over all space is divergent.