

# Notes for the week of 3/20/19 - 3/27/19

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For a given  $\sigma > 0$  and some  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , let  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma = \mathcal{C} + B(0, \sigma)$  be the  $\sigma$ -expansion of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Fix  $r > 0$ . Let  $\nu$  be the Lebesgue measure over Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $B(x, r)$  be a ball of radius  $r$  centered at  $x$ . Consider the *speedy  $r$ -ball walk*<sup>1</sup> over  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , defined by the following transition probability density function

$$\tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; \mathcal{S}) := \frac{\nu(\mathcal{S} \cap B(x, r))}{\nu(\mathcal{C}_\sigma \cap B(x, r))} \quad (x \in \mathcal{C}_\sigma, \mathcal{S} \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{C}_\sigma))$$

where  $\mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)$  is the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$ .

Denote the stationary distribution for this Markov chain by  $\pi_{\nu,r}$ , which satisfies the relation<sup>2</sup>

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}_\sigma} \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; \mathcal{S}) d\pi_{\nu,r}(x) = \pi_{\nu,r}(\mathcal{S}). \quad (\mathcal{S} \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{C}_\sigma))$$

Letting the *local conductance* be given by

$$\ell_{\nu,r}(x) := \frac{\nu(\mathcal{C}_\sigma \cap B(x, r))}{\nu(B(x, r))} \quad (x \in \mathcal{C}_\sigma)$$

a bit of algebra verifies that

$$\pi_{\nu,r}(\mathcal{S}) = \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S}} \ell_{\nu,r}(x) d\nu(x)}{\int_{\mathcal{C}_\sigma} \ell_{\nu,r}(x) d\nu(x)}. \quad (\mathcal{S} \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{C}_\sigma))$$

We next introduce the *ergodic flow*,  $\tilde{Q}_{\nu,r}$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}_1 \cap \mathcal{S}_2 = \mathcal{C}_\sigma$  be a partition of  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$ . Then the ergodic flow between  $\mathcal{S}_1$  and  $\mathcal{S}_2$  is given by

$$\tilde{Q}_{\nu,r}(\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2) := \int_{\mathcal{S}_1} \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; \mathcal{S}_2) d\pi_{\nu,r}(x) \quad (\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2 \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{C}_\sigma))$$

and the *(continuous) conductance profile* is

$$\tilde{\Phi}_{\nu,r}(t) := \min_{\substack{\mathcal{S} \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{C}_\sigma) \\ 0 < \pi_{\nu,r}(\mathcal{S}) \leq t}} \frac{\tilde{Q}_{\nu,r}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}_\sigma \setminus \mathcal{S})}{\pi_{\nu,r}(\mathcal{S})} \quad (0 < t \leq 1/2)$$

## 1 Conductance over $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$

An essential step in upper bounding the mixing time over  $G_{n,r}[\mathcal{C}_\sigma(\mathbf{X})]$  is lower bounding the conductance profile  $\tilde{\Phi}_{\nu,r}(t)$ .

<sup>1</sup>We call it 'speedy' because it only considers moves within  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$ .

<sup>2</sup>See Section 4 for verification. In order to ensure a unique stationary distribution, we could consider only the *lazy* version of the ball walk. For the moment we ignore this technicality.

As in [2], we will assume  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$  is the image of some convex set  $K$  under a measure preserving, lipschitz function  $g$ .

**Assumption 1** (Embedding). *Assume there exists  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  convex space, mapping  $g : K \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_\sigma$ , and constant  $L < \infty$  such that*

$$\forall x, y \in K, |g(x) - g(y)| \leq L |x - y|, \text{ and } \det(D_x g) = 1.$$

*In other words,  $g$  is measure-preserving and  $L$ -Lipschitz.*

**Theorem 1.** *Assume  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  satisfies Assumption 1 with respect to some convex set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and Lipschitz function  $g$  with Lipschitz constant  $L < \infty$ . Then, for any  $0 < r < 2\sigma/\sqrt{d}$ , the continuous conductance function of the speedy  $r$ -ball walk satisfies*

$$\tilde{\Phi}_{\nu,r}(t) \geq \frac{r}{2^{12} D_K L \sqrt{d}}.$$

The proof of Theorem 1 naturally employs similar techniques to those in the convex setting (e.g. Theorem 5.2 in [4]), except it employs an isoperimetric inequality which holds for non-convex sets, from [1]. Let  $\text{dist}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}') = \inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}, y \in \mathcal{S}'} \|x - y\|$ .

**Lemma 1** (Isoperimetry of Lipschitz embeddings of convex sets.). *Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  satisfy Assumption 1 with respect to some convex set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and Lipschitz function  $g$  with Lipschitz constant  $L < \infty$ . Then, for any partition  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3)$  of  $\Omega$ ,*

$$\nu(\Omega_3) \geq 2 \frac{\text{dist}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)}{L D_K} \min(\nu(\Omega_1), \nu(\Omega_2))$$

The ball walk may behave poorly near points of low local conductance. However, because  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$  is a  $\sigma$ -expanded set, for sufficiently small  $r$  all points will have high local conductance, so we do not need to worry about this problem.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $u \in \mathcal{C}_\sigma$ . Then, for any  $r < \frac{\sigma}{2\sqrt{d}}$ ,*

$$\ell_{\nu,r}(u) \geq \frac{6}{25}.$$

As is standard, we will also require that one-step distributions of nearby points be relatively similar.

**Lemma 3** (One-step distributions). *Let  $u, v \in \mathcal{C}_\sigma$  be such that*

$$\|u - v\| \leq \frac{rt}{\sqrt{d}}$$

*for some  $0 < t < 1/8$ , and further assume there exists  $\ell > 0$  such that  $\ell(u), \ell(v) \geq \ell$ . Then,*

$$\left\| \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(u; \cdot) - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(v; \cdot) \right\|_{TV} \leq 1 + \frac{3\sqrt{3}t}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} - \ell$$

*where for  $P, Q$  probabilities over measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{M})$ , the total variation distance between  $P$  and  $Q$  is*

$$\|P - Q\|_{TV} = \sup_{A \in \mathfrak{M}} |P(A) - Q(A)|.$$

We delay proof of Lemmas 1 - 3 to subsequent sections. Armed with these lemmas, we are ready to prove our main result.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Let  $S_1 \cup S_2 = \mathcal{C}_\sigma$ , and let  $\ell = \inf_{x \in \mathcal{C}_\sigma} \ell_{\nu,r}(x)$ . We will show that

$$\int_{S_1} \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; S_2) d\pi_{\nu,r}(x) \geq \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}r\ell^4}{24D_K L\sqrt{d}} \min\{\pi_{\nu,r}(S_1), \pi_{\nu,r}(S_2)\}$$

Once we have shown this, Lemma 2 gives the bound  $\ell \geq \frac{1}{76}$ . Then, dividing both sides by  $\pi_{\nu,r}(S_1)$  yields the desired result.

Now, consider the sets

$$\begin{aligned} S'_1 &= \left\{ x \in S_1 : \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; S_2) < \frac{\ell}{4} \right\} \\ S'_2 &= \left\{ x \in S_1 : \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; S_2) < \frac{\ell}{4} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and  $S'_3 = \mathcal{C}_\sigma \setminus S'_1 \setminus S'_2$ .

Suppose  $\pi_{\nu,r}(S'_1) < \pi_{\nu,r}(S_1)/2$ . Then,

$$\int_{S_1} \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; S_2) d\pi_{\nu,r}(x) \geq \frac{\ell\pi_{\nu,r}(S_1)}{8}$$

Similarly, if  $\pi_{\nu,r}(S'_1) < \pi_{\nu,r}(S_1)/2$ , then since

$$\int_{S_1} \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; S_2) d\pi_{\nu,r}(x) = \int_{S_2} \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; S_2) d\pi_{\nu,r}(x)$$

a symmetric result holds.

So we can assume  $\pi_{\nu,r}(S'_1) \geq \pi_{\nu,r}(S_1)/2$ , and likewise for  $S_2$ . Now, for every  $u \in S'_1, v \in S'_2$ , we have that

$$\left\| \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(u; \cdot) - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(v; \cdot) \right\|_{TV} \geq 1 - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(u; S_1) - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(v; S_2) > 1 - \frac{\ell}{2}.$$

By Lemma 3, we therefore have

$$|u - v| \geq \frac{2\sqrt{2\pi}r\ell}{3\sqrt{3d}}.$$

and since  $u \in S'_1, v \in S'_2$  were arbitrary, the same inequality holds for  $\text{dist}(S'_1, S'_2)$ . Therefore by Lemma 1

$$\text{vol}(S'_3) \geq \frac{2\sqrt{2\pi}r\ell}{3D_K L\sqrt{3d}} \min\{\text{vol}(S'_1), \text{vol}(S'_2)\}$$

We now prove the desired result:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{S_1} \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; S_2) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{S_2} \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; S_2) d\pi_{\nu,r}(x) \right) \\ &\geq \frac{\ell}{8} \pi_{\nu,r}(S'_3) \\ &\geq \frac{\ell^2}{8\nu(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)} \nu(S'_3) \\ &\geq \frac{\sqrt{2}r\ell^3}{12D_K L\sqrt{d}\nu(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)} \min\{\nu(S'_1), \nu(S'_2)\} \\ &\geq \frac{\sqrt{2}r\ell^4}{12D_K L\sqrt{d}} \min\{\pi_{\nu,r}(S'_1), \pi_{\nu,r}(S'_2)\} \\ &\geq \frac{\sqrt{2}r\ell^4}{24D_K L\sqrt{d}} \min\{\pi_{\nu,r}(S_1), \pi_{\nu,r}(S_2)\}. \end{aligned}$$

□

## 2 Supporting theory.

### 2.1 Proof of Lemma 1

The proof of Lemma 1 will hinge on the corresponding result in the convex setting, given in [3].

**Theorem 2** (Isoperimetry of convex sets). *Let  $(R_1, R_2, R_3)$  be a partition of a convex set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ . Then,*

$$\text{vol}(R_3) \geq 2 \frac{d(R_1, R_2)}{D_K} \min(\text{vol}(R_1), \text{vol}(R_2))$$

*Proof of Lemma 1.* For  $\Omega_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ , denote the preimage

$$R_i = \{x \in K : g(x) \in \Omega_i\}$$

For any  $x \in R_1, y \in R_2$ ,

$$|x - y| \geq \frac{1}{L} |g(x) - g(y)| \geq \frac{1}{L} \text{dist}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2).$$

Since  $x \in \Omega_1$  and  $y \in \Omega_2$  were arbitrary, we have

$$\text{dist}(R_1, R_2) \geq \frac{1}{L} \text{dist}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2).$$

By Theorem 2, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol}(R_3) &\geq 2 \frac{\text{dist}(R_1, R_2)}{D_K} \min\{\text{vol}(R_1), \text{vol}(R_2)\} \\ &\geq \frac{2}{D_K L} \text{dist}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2) \min\{\text{vol}(R_1), \text{vol}(R_2)\} \end{aligned}$$

and by the measure-preserving property of  $g$ , this implies

$$\text{vol}(\Omega_3) \geq \frac{2}{D_K L} \text{dist}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2) \min\{\text{vol}(\Omega_1), \text{vol}(\Omega_2)\}.$$

□

### 2.2 Proof of Lemma 3

Let  $S_1 \cup S_2 = \mathcal{C}_\sigma$  be an arbitrary partition of  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$ . We will show that

$$\tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(u; S_1) - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(v; S_1) \leq 1 + \frac{3\sqrt{3}t}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} - \ell.$$

Since this will hold for arbitrary  $S_1 \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)$ , it will hold for the infimum over all such  $S_1$  as well, and therefore the same lower bound will hold for  $\left\| \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(u; \cdot) - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(v; \cdot) \right\|_{TV}$ .

Now, note that

$$\tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(u; S_1) - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(v; S_1) = 1 - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(u; S_2) - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(v; S_1)$$

Let  $I := B(u, r) \cap B(u, r)$ . Then we have

$$\tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(u; S_2) \geq \frac{1}{\nu(B(u, r))} \nu(S_2 \cap (B(u, r))) \geq \frac{1}{\nu(B(u, r))} \nu(S_2 \cap I)$$

with a symmetric inequality holding for  $\tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(v; S_1)$ . As a result,

$$1 - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(u; S_2) - \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(v; S_1) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{\nu_d r^d} \nu(\mathcal{C}_\sigma \cap I) \quad (1)$$

As (1) demonstrates, the overlap of the one-step distributions is related to the volume of the intersection between  $B(u, r)$  and  $B(v, r)$  within  $\mathcal{C}_\sigma$ .

From here, some simple manipulations yield

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(\mathcal{C}_\sigma \cap I) &= \nu(I) - \nu(I \setminus \mathcal{C}_\sigma) \\ &\geq \nu(I) - \max \{ \nu(B(u, r) \setminus \mathcal{C}_\sigma), \nu(B(v, r) \setminus \mathcal{C}_\sigma) \} \\ &\geq \nu_d r^d \left( 1 - \frac{3\sqrt{3}t}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} - (1 - \ell) \right) = \nu_d r^d \left( \ell - \frac{3\sqrt{3}t}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where we delay proof of the last inequality until the following section. (2) along with (1) then give the desired result.

## 2.3 Proof of (2)

The following formula for the volume of the spherical cap, stated in terms of the incomplete beta function, is well known. We include it without proof.

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\text{Cap}_r(h)$  denote a spherical cap of radius  $r$  and height  $h$ . Then,*

$$\nu(\text{Cap}_r(h)) = \frac{1}{2} \nu_d r^d I_{1-\alpha} \left( \frac{d+1}{2}; \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

where

$$\alpha := 1 - \frac{2rh - h^2}{r^2}$$

and

$$I_{1-\alpha}(z, w) = \frac{\Gamma(z+w)}{\Gamma(z)\Gamma(w)} \int_0^{1-\alpha} u^{z-1} (1-u)^{w-1} du.$$

is the cumulative distribution function of a  $\text{Beta}(z, w)$  distribution, evaluated at  $1 - \alpha$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be points such that  $|u - v| \leq t \frac{r}{\sqrt{d}}$  for some  $0 < t < 1/8$ . Then,*

$$\nu(B(u, r) \cap B(v, r)) \geq \nu_d r^d \left( 1 - \frac{3\sqrt{3}t}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)$$

(2) follows immediately from Lemma 5 along with the definition of  $\ell$  in Lemma 3. To prove Lemma 5, we will rely on the following result, which will also be useful to lower bound the local conductance.

**Lemma 6.** *For any  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $\alpha \leq \frac{t^2}{4d}$ ,*

$$\int_0^{1-\alpha} u^{(d-1)/2} (1-u)^{-1/2} du \geq \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2}+1)} - \frac{3t}{4\sqrt{d}}$$

*Proof.* We can write

$$\int_0^{1-\alpha} u^{(d-1)/2} (1-u)^{-1/2} du = \int_0^1 u^{(d-1)/2} (1-u)^{-1/2} du - \int_{1-\alpha}^1 u^{(d-1)/2} (1-u)^{-1/2} du$$

The first integral is simply the beta function, with

$$B\left(\frac{d+1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) := \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}+1\right)}.$$

To upper bound the second integral, we apply the Taylor theorem with remainder to  $(1-u)^{-1/2}$ , obtaining

$$(1-u)^{-1/2} \leq \alpha^{-1/2} + \max_{u \in (1-\alpha, 1)} \frac{\alpha}{2} (1-u)^{-3/2} = \frac{3}{2} \alpha^{-1/2}.$$

As a result,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{1-\alpha}^1 u^{(d-1)/2} (1-u)^{-1/2} du &\leq \frac{3}{2(d+1)} \alpha^{-1/2} \int_{1-\alpha}^1 u^{(d-1)/2} du \\ &= \frac{3}{2(d+1)} \alpha^{-1/2} \left(1 - (1-\alpha)^{(d+1)/2}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{3}{2(d+1)} \alpha^{-1/2} (\alpha(d+1)) = \frac{3}{2} \alpha^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows from the condition  $\alpha \leq \frac{t^2}{2d}$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Lemma 5.* We will treat only the case where  $|u-v| = t/\sqrt{d}$ ; if they are closer together the overlap of the volume will only increase. Then, it is not hard to see that  $I = B(u, r) \cap B(v, r)$  is comprised of the union of two disjoint spherical caps, and thus

$$\nu(I) = 2\nu(\text{Cap}_r(r(1 - \frac{t}{2\sqrt{d}}))).$$

From Lemma 4 we therefore obtain

$$\nu(I) = \nu_d r^d I_{1-\alpha}\left(\frac{d+1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

where

$$\alpha = 1 - \frac{2r^2(1 - \frac{t}{2\sqrt{d}}) - r^2(1 - \frac{t}{2\sqrt{d}})^2}{r^2} = \frac{t^2}{4d}.$$

Expanding the incomplete beta function in integral form, we therefore have

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(I) &= \nu_d r^d \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}+1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \int_0^{1-\alpha} u^{(d-1)/2} (1-u)^{-1/2} du \\ &\stackrel{(i)}{\geq} \nu_d r^d \left(1 - \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}+1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \frac{3t}{4\sqrt{d}}\right) \\ &\stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} \nu_d r^d \left(1 - \frac{3\sqrt{3}t}{4\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where (i) follows from Lemma 6 (which we can validly apply since  $\alpha \leq \frac{t^2}{2d}$ ), and (ii) from Lemma 7.  $\square$

## 2.4 Proof of Lemma 2

*Proof.* Since  $u \in \mathcal{C}_\sigma$  there exists  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $u \in B(x, \sigma)$ , and as a result

$$\nu(B(u, r) \cap \mathcal{C}_\sigma) \geq \nu(B(u, r) \cap B(x, \sigma))$$

Without loss of generality, let  $|u - x| = \sigma$ ; it is not hard to see that if  $|u - x| < \sigma$ , the volume of the overlap will only grow. Then, since  $|u - x| = \sigma$ ,  $B(u, r) \cap B(x, \sigma)$  contains a spherical cap of radius  $r$  and height

$$h = r - (r)^2/2\sigma = r \left(1 - \frac{r}{2\sigma}\right)$$

which by Lemma 4 has volume

$$\nu_{cap} = \frac{1}{2} \nu_d r^d I_{1-\alpha} \left( \frac{d+1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

with  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{2rh-h^2}{r^2} = \frac{r^2}{4\sigma^2} \leq \frac{1}{4d}$ .

Then by Lemmas 6 (applied with  $t = 1$ ) and 7,

$$\begin{aligned} I_{1-\alpha} \left( \frac{d+1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) &\geq 1 - \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2} + 1)}{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} \frac{3}{4\sqrt{d}} \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\frac{d+2}{2\pi d}} \geq 1 - \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}}. \end{aligned}$$

□

## 3 Additional Lemmas

Lemma 7 follows from  $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$  and the upper bound  $\Gamma(x+1)/\Gamma(x+s) \leq (x+1)^{1-s}$  for  $s \in [0, 1]$  (Gautschi's inequality).

**Lemma 7.**

$$\frac{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2} + 1)}{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} \leq \sqrt{\frac{d+2}{2\pi}}$$

## 4 Stationary distribution.

For completeness, we verify that  $\pi_{\nu,r}$  is in fact a stationary distribution of the chain given by  $\tilde{P}_{\nu,r}$ . Note that

$$\frac{d\pi_{\nu,r}(x)}{dx} \propto \ell_{\nu,r}(x).$$

Let  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathcal{C}_\sigma} \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; \mathcal{S}) d\pi_{\nu,r}(x) &\propto \int_{\mathcal{C}_\sigma} \tilde{P}_{\nu,r}(x; \mathcal{S}) \ell_{\nu,r}(x) dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{C}_\sigma} \frac{\nu(\mathcal{S} \cap B(x, r))}{\nu(B(x, r))} dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{C}_\sigma} \int_{\mathcal{S}} \frac{\mathbf{1}(\|x - x'\| \leq r)}{\nu(B(x, r))} dx dx' \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{S}} \int_{\mathcal{C}_\sigma} \frac{\mathbf{1}(\|x - x'\| \leq r)}{\nu(B(x, r))} dx dx' \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{S}} \ell_{\nu,r}(x) dx
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\pi$  is a probability, we know the normalized constant must be  $1 / \int_{\mathcal{C}_\sigma} \ell_{\nu,r}(x) dx$ .

## 5 Notation

- For a set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $D_K = \max_{x,y \in K} |x - y|$ , where  $|x - y|$  is the Euclidean norm between  $x - y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- $\nu_d$  is the volume of the unit ball  $B(0, 1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .
- $D_x g = (D_{x_i} g_j)_{i,j=1}^d$  is the Jacobian matrix of  $g$  evaluated at  $x$ .
- $g(K) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^d : g(x) = y \text{ for some } x \in K\}$  is the image of  $K$  under  $g$ .
- For measures  $P, Q$  over  $(\Sigma, \mathcal{F})$ ,  $\|P - Q\|_{TV} = \sup_{A \in \mathcal{F}} |P(A) - Q(A)|$ .



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