

# Construction-free median lattice rules

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# Problem setting

Approximate the integral

$$I(f) = \int_{[0,1]^s} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \quad \approx \quad I(f; P_N) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

with a point set  $P_N = \{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N-1}\} \subset [0, 1)^s$ .

The quantity on the right is called **quasi-Monte Carlo integration** over  $P_N$ .

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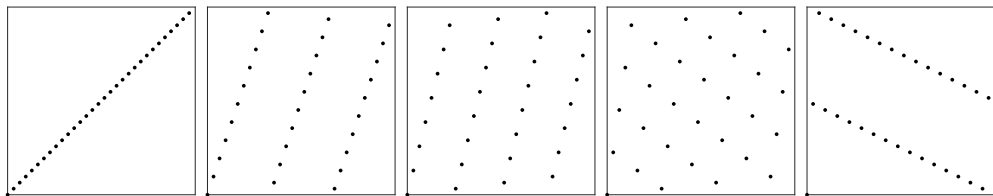


Figure 1: 2-d lattices with  $N = 31$ ,  $z_1 = 1$  and  $z_2 = 1, 3, 4, 7, 15$ .

## Periodic functions and dual lattice

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$$\begin{aligned} I(f; P_{N,\mathbf{z}}) - I(f) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^s} \hat{f}(\mathbf{k}) \exp(2\pi i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_n) - \hat{f}(\mathbf{0}) \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^s \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} \hat{f}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \exp\left(2\pi i \frac{n}{N} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{z}\right) \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in P_{N,\mathbf{z}}^\perp \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} \hat{f}(\mathbf{k}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{N,\mathbf{z}}^\perp := \{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^s \mid \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{z} \equiv 0 \pmod{N}\}$  denotes the **dual lattice** of  $P_{N,\mathbf{z}}$ .

# Korobov spaces

- $\alpha > 1/2$ : decay of Fourier coefficients (smoothness).
- $\gamma = \{\gamma_u\}_{u \subseteq \{1, \dots, s\}}$ : non-negative weights [Sloan/Woźniakowski 1998].
- For  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^s$ , write  $\text{supp}(\mathbf{k}) = \{1 \leq j \leq s \mid k_j \neq 0\}$  and define

$$r_{\alpha, \gamma}(\mathbf{k}) := \gamma_{\text{supp}(\mathbf{k})} \prod_{j \in \text{supp}(\mathbf{k})} \frac{1}{|k_j|^\alpha}.$$

## Definition

The weighted Korobov space  $H_{s, \alpha, \gamma}^{\text{kor}}$  is a RKHS with norm

$$\|f\|_{s, \alpha, \gamma}^{\text{kor}} = \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^s} \frac{|\hat{f}(\mathbf{k})|^2}{(r_{\alpha, \gamma}(\mathbf{k}))^2} \right)^{1/2}.$$

## Koksma-Hlawka type inequality

$$\begin{aligned} |I(f; P_{N,z}) - I(f)| &= \left| \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in P_{N,z}^\perp \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} \hat{f}(\mathbf{k}) \right| = \left| \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in P_{N,z}^\perp \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} \frac{\hat{f}(\mathbf{k})}{r_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{k})} \cdot r_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{k}) \right| \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in P_{N,z}^\perp \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} \frac{|\hat{f}(\mathbf{k})|^2}{(r_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{k}))^2} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in P_{N,z}^\perp \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} (r_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{k}))^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \|f\|_{s,\alpha,\gamma}^{\text{kor}} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in P_{N,z}^\perp \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} (r_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{k}))^2 \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus it is natural to study how to find good  $\mathbf{z}$  such that the second factor, denoted by  $\mathcal{S}_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{z})$ , becomes small.



## How to construct good $\mathbf{z}$ ? (quick review)

- **Korobov (1959)**: introduced greedy **component-by-component (CBC)** algorithm; for  $1 \leq j \leq s$ , one component  $z_j \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}$  is optimized while the earlier components  $z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}$  are fixed.
- **Sloan/Reztsov (2002)**: reintroduced and popularized CBC.
- **Kuo (2003)**: gave an error bound of  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\alpha+\varepsilon})$  for CBC.
- **Nuyens/Cools (2006)**: introduced fast CBC using FFT.
- $\vdots$
- **Dick/TG (2021)**: studied stability of CBC (i.e., an error bound for  $H_{s,\alpha',\gamma'}^{\text{kor}}$  while  $\mathbf{z}$  is constructed for  $H_{s,\alpha,\gamma}^{\text{kor}}$  with  $\alpha \neq \alpha'$  and  $\gamma \neq \gamma'$ ).
- **Ebert/Kritzer/Nuyens/Osisiogu (2021)**: introduced  $\alpha$ -free CBC.

## Limitation of CBC

To make fast CBC work well, **the weights  $\gamma$  are modeled by a small number of parameters.**

- Product weights:  $\gamma_u = \prod_{j \in u} \gamma_j$
- Order-dependent weights:  $\gamma_u = \Gamma_{|u|}$
- Product and order-dependent (POD) weights:  $\gamma_u = \Gamma_{|u|} \prod_{j \in u} \gamma_j$
- Smoothness-driven POD (SPOD) weights:

$$\gamma_u = \sum_{\tau \in \{1, \dots, \alpha\}^{|u|}} \Gamma_{\|\tau\|_1} \prod_{j \in u} \gamma_{j, \tau_j}$$

The latter two choices are motivated by PDEs with random coefficients [Kuo/Schwab/Sloan 2012; Dick/Kuo/Le Gia/Nuyens/Schwab, 2014].

## Most of the generating vectors are good

For a given application, we may not know what is an appropriate choice for  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$ . Even more, an efficient CBC does not exist for general weights.

However, good news is that **most of the possible  $\mathbf{z}$ 's are good** for any  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  [Dick/Sloan/Wang/Woźniakowski 2006; Kritzer/Kuo/Nuyens/Ullrich 2019]. This fact can be shown by averaging argument and Markov inequality.

Recall that our error criterion is

$$\mathcal{S}_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{z}) = \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in P_{N,\mathbf{z}}^\perp \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} (r_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{k}))^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  be given and  $N$  be a prime. For  $1/(2\alpha) < \lambda \leq 1$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{(N-1)^s} \sum_{z_1, \dots, z_s=1}^{N-1} (\mathcal{S}_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{z}))^{2\lambda} \leq \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{\emptyset \neq u \subseteq \{1, \dots, s\}} \gamma_u^{2\lambda} (2\zeta(2\alpha\lambda))^{|u|}.$$

This implies that the average of  $(\mathcal{S}_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{z}))^{2\lambda}$  over all admissible  $\mathbf{z}$  is of  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-1})$  for any  $1/(2\alpha) < \lambda \leq 1$ .

Markov inequality states that a proportion of the admissible  $\mathbf{z}$  which satisfy

$$\mathcal{S}_{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbf{z}) \leq \inf_{1/(2\alpha) < \lambda \leq 1} \left( \frac{1}{\eta(N-1)} \sum_{\emptyset \neq u \subseteq \{1,\dots,s\}} \gamma_u^{2\lambda} (2\zeta(2\alpha\lambda))^{|u|} \right)^{1/(2\lambda)} =: (*)$$

is greater than or equal to  $1 - \eta$ , for any  $0 < \eta < 1$ .

**Why not consider avoiding bad generating vectors, instead of searching for good ones?**

# Median helps

## Construction-free median lattice rules

Let  $N$  be a prime and  $r$  be odd.

- ① Draw  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_r \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}^s$  uniformly and independently.
- ② Approximate  $I(f)$  by  $\text{median}(I(f; P_{N, \mathbf{z}_1}), \dots, I(f; P_{N, \mathbf{z}_r}))$ .

Taking the median plays a role in **filtering bad  $\mathbf{z}$  out adaptively (with very high prob.) without specifying  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$ !**

This median approach for scrambled nets is studied by [Pan/Owen \(2021\)](#).

# A probabilistic error guarantee

Given  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_r$ , the error is

$$\begin{aligned} & |\text{median}(I(f; P_{N, \mathbf{z}_1}), \dots, I(f; P_{N, \mathbf{z}_r})) - I(f)| \\ & \leq \text{median}(|I(f; P_{N, \mathbf{z}_1}) - I(f)|, \dots, |I(f; P_{N, \mathbf{z}_r}) - I(f)|) \quad (\text{Jensen}) \\ & \leq \|f\|_{s, \alpha, \gamma}^{\text{kor}} \text{median}(\mathcal{S}_{\alpha, \gamma}(\mathbf{z}_1), \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\alpha, \gamma}(\mathbf{z}_r)). \end{aligned}$$

In order to have  $\text{median}(\mathcal{S}_{\alpha, \gamma}(\mathbf{z}_1), \dots, \mathcal{S}_{\alpha, \gamma}(\mathbf{z}_r)) > (*)$ , at least half of  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_r$  must satisfy  $\mathcal{S}_{\alpha, \gamma}(\mathbf{z}_j) > (*)$ . Thus, under a random choice of  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_r$  (with replacement), **such a “failure event” probability is very small!**

## A probabilistic error bound [TG/L'Ecuyer, 2022]

Let  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_r$  be chosen independently and randomly. **For any  $\alpha, \gamma$  and  $f \in H_{s,\alpha,\gamma}^{\text{kor}}$ , we have**

$$\begin{aligned} & |\text{median}(I(f; P_{N,\mathbf{z}_1}), \dots, I(f; P_{N,\mathbf{z}_r})) - I(f)| \\ & \leq \|f\|_{s,\alpha,\gamma}^{\text{kor}} \times \inf_{1/(2\alpha) < \lambda \leq 1} \left( \frac{1}{\eta(N-1)} \sum_{\emptyset \neq u \subseteq \{1, \dots, s\}} \gamma_u^{2\lambda} (2\zeta(2\alpha\lambda))^{|u|} \right)^{1/(2\lambda)} \end{aligned}$$

with a probability of at least

$$1 - (4\eta)^{(r+1)/2}/4$$

for any  $0 < \eta < 1/4$ .



# Numerical experiments

Smooth, periodic test function

$$f_{\beta,\omega}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{j=1}^s \left[ 1 + \omega_j \left( (2\beta + 1) \binom{2\beta}{\beta} x_j^\beta (1 - x_j)^\beta - 1 \right) \right]$$

with  $s = 50$  and  $\beta = 5$ . We set  $r = 11$  for our median rule.

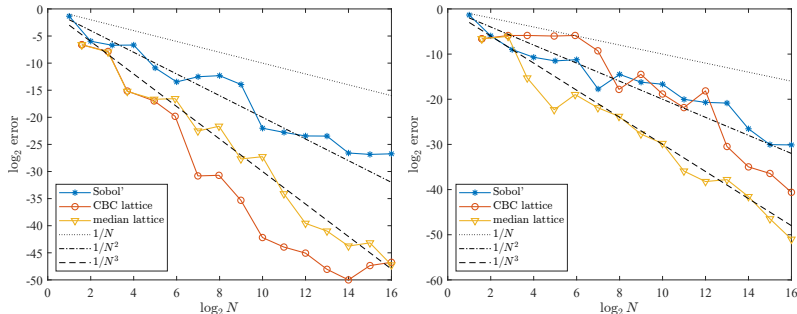


Figure 2: Absolute error for  $\omega_j = j^{-6}$  (left) and  $\omega_j = (s - j + 1)^{-6}$  (right).

## Non-periodic functions?

Higher order digital nets constructed by the digit interlacing [Dick 2008; TG/Dick 2015; etc] **require the interlacing factor** (essentially corresponding to smoothness of integrands) **as an input**.

**High-order polynomial lattice rules** [Niederreiter 1992; Dick/Pillichshammer 2005] do not. The precision  $n$  is required instead, which can be as large as machine precision. Therefore they are a good candidate to have an analogous result for non-periodic functions (**a median rule with a prob. error bound without specifying smoothness and weights**).

In fact, for a class of weighted non-periodic function spaces, we could establish the corresponding result, see [TG/L'Ecuyer 2022].

# High-order polynomial lattice rules

## Definition (High-order polynomial lattice rules)

Let  $m, n \geq 2$  with  $n \geq m$  be given. For  $p \in \mathbb{F}_b[x]$  with  $\deg(p) = n$  and  $\mathbf{q} \in (\mathbb{F}_b[x])^s$  with  $\deg(q_j) < n$ , define  $P_{b^m} := P_{b^m, p, \mathbf{q}}$  by

$$\mathbf{x}_h = \nu_n \left( \frac{h(x)\mathbf{q}(x)}{p(x)} \right), \quad h = 0, 1, \dots, b^m - 1,$$

where  $\nu_n : \mathbb{F}_b((x^{-1})) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  is given by

$$\nu_n \left( \sum_{i=w}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{x^i} \right) = \sum_{i=\max(1, w)}^n \frac{a_i}{b^i}$$

and is applied componentwise to a vector.

# Examples

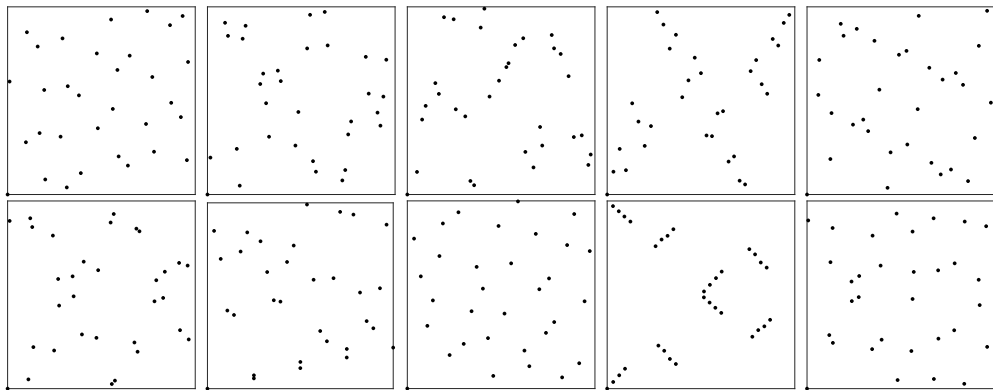


Figure 3: 2-d high-order polynomial lattices with  $N = 2^5$  ( $b = 2$  and  $m = 5$ ),  $n = 52$ ,  $p(x) = x^{52} + x^3 + 1$  (irreducible) and  $q_1(x), q_2(x)$  being both random.

# Numerical experiments

1-d smooth, non-periodic test function

$$f_1(x) = x^3(1/4 + \log x)$$

$$\text{and } f_2(x) = xe^{x/4}.$$

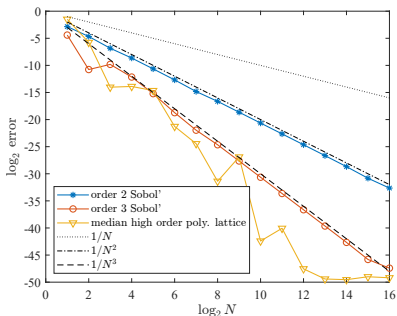
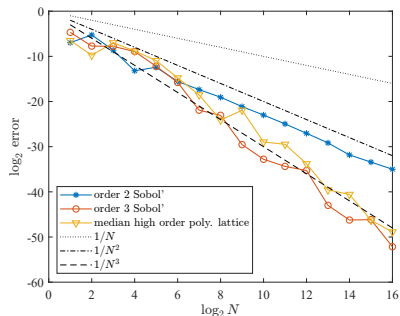


Figure 4: Absolute error for  $f_1$  (left) and  $f_2$  (right).

# Future works?

- ① What about median of randomly shifted lattice rules?
- ② Looking only at the median seems wasteful.

# Thank you for your attention!

For more details, please refer to

- TG & P. L'Ecuyer, Construction-free median quasi-Monte Carlo rules for function spaces with unspecified smoothness and general weights, *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing* (in press). arXiv:2201.09413