

Homework 1 - High Dimensional Probability

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Exercise 1

Prove the inequalities:

$$\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^m \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \binom{n}{m} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{m} \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \left(\frac{en}{m}\right)^m \quad \forall m \in [1, n]$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad \frac{\binom{n}{m}}{\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^m} &= \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!} \cdot \frac{m^m}{n^m} = \frac{n!}{n^m \cdot (n-m)!} \cdot \frac{m^m}{m!} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{n+1-i}{n} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{m}{m+1-i} = \star \end{aligned}$$

We have to prove $\star \geq 1$. This holds if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{n+1-i}{n} &\geq \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{m+1-i}{m} \iff \frac{n+1-i}{n} \geq \frac{m+1-i}{m} \\ \iff 1 + \frac{1-i}{n} &\geq 1 + \frac{1-i}{m} \iff \frac{1-i}{n} \geq \frac{1-i}{m} \iff \frac{1}{m} \geq \frac{1}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \quad \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{m} = \binom{n}{m} + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{n}{m} \geq \binom{n}{m}$$

$$(3) \quad \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^m \leq \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^k \leq \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{n^k}{k!} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^k = \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{m^k}{k!} \leq e^m$$

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Exercise 2

Check that in Corollary 0.0.4¹

$$\left(C + C\mathcal{E}^2 N\right)^{\lceil 1/\mathcal{E}^2 \rceil}$$

succ. Here C is a suitable absolute constant.

Solution:

$$(C + C\mathcal{E}^2 N)^{\lceil \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}^2} \rceil} = C^{\lceil \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}^2} \rceil} \cdot (1 + \mathcal{E}^2 N)^{\lceil \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}^2} \rceil}$$

Following the same reasoning used in the proof of the Corollary and observing that we can choose k elements in a set of N points with repetitions in $\binom{N+k-1}{k}$ ways, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{N}| &\leq \binom{N+k-1}{k} \leq \left(\frac{e(N+k-1)}{k}\right)^k = e^k \left(\frac{N+k-1}{k}\right)^k \\ &= e^k \left(\frac{N}{k} + 1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^k \\ &\leq e^k \left(1 + \frac{N}{k}\right)^k \end{aligned}$$

Setting $C = e$ and $k = \lceil \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}^2} \rceil$:

$$|\mathcal{N}| \leq C^{\lceil \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}^2} \rceil} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{N}{\lceil \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}^2} \rceil}\right)^{\lceil \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}^2} \rceil} \leq C^{\lceil \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}^2} \rceil} \cdot (1 + \mathcal{E}^2 N)^{\lceil \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}^2} \rceil}$$

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Exercise 3

Let X be a random variable and $p \in (0, \infty)$. Show that:

$$\mathbb{E}[|X|^p] = \int_0^\infty p t^{p-1} \mathbb{P}\{|X| > t\} dt$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[|X|^p] &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}\{|X|^p > t\} dt = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}\{|X| > t^{1/p}\} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty p y^{p-1} \mathbb{P}\{|X| > y\} dy \end{aligned}$$

Where in the last step we set $y = t^{1/p} \implies dt = p y^{p-1} dy$ and in (1) we applied the result for which, given a positive random variable, $\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}\{X > t\} dt$. ■

¹Let P be a polytope in \mathbb{R}^d with N vertices and whose diameter is bounded by 1. Then P can be covered by at most $N^{\lceil 1/\varepsilon^2 \rceil}$ Euclidean balls of radii $\varepsilon > 0$.

Exercise 4

Prove the inequality:

$$\cosh(x) \leq e^{\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Solution:

$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} + \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-x)^k}{k!}}{2} = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!}.$$

We now claim that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{2^k k!}.$$

Hence, we need to prove, by induction, that $(2k)! \geq 2^k k! \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Simply, if $k = 1$, $2! \geq 2$.

We can hence assume that the relation holds true for $k = 1, \dots, n$ and prove it for $k = n + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} (2(n+1))! &= (2n+2)(2n+1)(2n)! \\ &\geq (2n+2)(2n+1)2^n n! \\ &= (2n+1)2^{n+1}(n+1)! \\ &\geq 2^{n+1}(n+1)! \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 5

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N be independent $Ber(p_i)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

Put $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ and $\mathbb{E}[S_N] = \mu$. Show that for $\delta \in (0, 1]$ it holds that

$$\mathbb{P}\{|S_N - \mu| \geq \delta\mu\} \leq 2e^{-C\mu\delta^2}$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant.

Solution:

Let us first prove that, for $t < \mu$ it holds:

$$\mathbb{P}\{S_N \leq t\} \leq e^{-\mu} \left(\frac{e\mu}{t}\right)^t.$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^N X_i \leq t\right\} = \mathbb{P}\left\{e^{-\lambda S_N} \geq e^{-\lambda t}\right\} \leq e^{\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left[e^{-\lambda S_N}\right] = e^{\lambda t} \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}\left[e^{-\lambda X_i}\right] \quad (1)$$

where the inequality follows from the Markov's one and the last equality from the independence of the variables. Since X_i are Bernoulli random variables,

$$\mathbb{E} \left[e^{-\lambda X_i} \right] = 1 + (e^{-\lambda} - 1)p_i \leq \exp \left((e^{-\lambda} - 1)p_i \right).$$

Plugging this into inequality (1) we get:

$$\mathbb{P} \{S_N \leq t\} \leq e^{\lambda t} \prod_{i=1}^N \exp \left((e^{-\lambda} - 1)p_i \right) = e^{\lambda t} \exp \left((e^{-\lambda} - 1)\mu \right) = e^{-\mu} \left(\frac{\mu e}{t} \right)^t,$$

where in the last equality we set $\lambda = \log \left(\frac{\mu}{t} \right)$ which is positive since $t < \mu$.

Considering $\delta \in (0, 1]$, we now want to apply the Chernoff's bound to the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \{|S_N - \mu| \geq \delta\mu\} &= \mathbb{P} \{S_N \leq (1 - \delta)\mu\} + \mathbb{P} \{S_N \geq (1 + \delta)\mu\} \\ &\stackrel{*}{\leq} e^{-\mu} \left(\frac{e\mu}{(1 - \delta)\mu} \right)^{(1 - \delta)\mu} + e^{-\mu} \left(\frac{e\mu}{(1 + \delta)\mu} \right)^{(1 + \delta)\mu}, \end{aligned}$$

where in \star we applied the Chernoff's bound on both the addends.

Given what we have obtained so far, we need to prove that the last quantity is smaller than $2e^{-C\mu\delta^2}$ for some constant C . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\mu} \left(\frac{e\mu}{(1 - \delta)\mu} \right)^{(1 - \delta)\mu} + e^{-\mu} \left(\frac{e\mu}{(1 + \delta)\mu} \right)^{(1 + \delta)\mu} &= \\ &= e^{-\delta\mu - (1 - \delta)\mu \log(1 - \delta)} + e^{\delta\mu - (1 + \delta)\mu \log(1 + \delta)} \\ &\stackrel{*}{\leq} e^{-\delta\mu + (1 - \delta)\mu \left(\delta + \frac{\delta^2}{2} \right)} + e^{\delta\mu - (1 + \delta)\mu \left(\delta - \frac{\delta^2}{2} + \frac{\delta^3}{3} \right)} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\delta^2\mu}{2}} \underbrace{\left(e^{\frac{-\delta^3\mu}{2}} + e^{\frac{(\delta^3 - 2\delta^4)\mu}{6}} \right)}_A, \end{aligned}$$

where \star holds since $\log(1 - \delta) \geq -\delta - \frac{\delta^2}{2}$ and $\log(1 + \delta) > \delta - \frac{\delta^2}{2} + \frac{\delta^3}{3}$ for any $\delta \geq 0$. Finally, $A \leq 2$ for any $\delta \in (0, 1]$ and hence the exercise is solved. In fact, putting all together we proved:

$$\mathbb{P} \{|S_N - \mu| \leq \delta\mu\} \leq e^{-\frac{\delta^2\mu}{2}} \underbrace{\left(e^{\frac{-\delta^3\mu}{2}} + e^{\frac{(\delta^3 - 2\delta^4)\mu}{6}} \right)}_A \leq 2e^{-C\mu\delta^2},$$

where we set $C = \frac{1}{2}$. ■

Exercise 6

Show that for each $p \geq 1$, the random variable $X \sim N(0, 1)$ satisfies

$$\|X\|_{L^p} = \left(\mathbb{E} [|X|^p] \right)^{1/p} = \sqrt{2} \left[\frac{\Gamma((1+p)/2)}{\Gamma(1/2)} \right]^{1/p}.$$

Moreover, deduce that $\|X\|_{L^p} = O(\sqrt{p})$ as $p \rightarrow +\infty$.

Solution:

Remembering that

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} \exp(-t) dt$$

we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \|X\|_{L^p}^p &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |t|^p \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) dt = \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{+\infty} t^p \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) dt = \dots \end{aligned}$$

We now make the following change of variable:

$$y = \frac{t^2}{2}; \quad t = \sqrt{2y}; \quad dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2y}} dy.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{+\infty} (2y)^{\frac{p}{2}} \exp(-y) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2y}} dy = \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{+\infty} 2^{\frac{p}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} y^{\frac{p}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-y) dy = \\ &= \frac{2^{\frac{p}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{+\infty} y^{\frac{1+p}{2}-1} \exp(-y) dy = 2^{\frac{p}{2}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+p}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

since $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$.

It remains to be solve the second part of the exercise:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|X\|_{L^p}}{\sqrt{p}} &= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+p}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\sqrt{p}} = \\ &= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{p-1}{2}+1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\sqrt{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, since we know that $\Gamma(z+1) \sim \sqrt{2\pi z} \left(\frac{z}{e}\right)^z$ for $z \rightarrow +\infty$ (Stirling's approximation), we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{p-1}{2e}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\sqrt{p}} = \\
&= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2} \left(\sqrt{p-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{p-1}{2e}} \right)^{p-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\sqrt{p}} = \\
&= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2} (\sqrt{p-1})^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{p-1}{2e}} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{p}}}{\sqrt{p}} = \\
&= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2e})^{1-\frac{1}{p}}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{p-1}}{\sqrt{p}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can conclude that:

$$\|X\|_{L^p} = O(\sqrt{p}) \quad \text{as } p \rightarrow +\infty.$$

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Exercise 7

Compute the sub-Gaussian norm of $X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{t^2} \right) \right] &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left(\frac{x^2}{t^2} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left(-\frac{x^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} - \frac{2}{t^2} \right) \right) dx \\
&\stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{t\sigma}{\sqrt{t^2 - 2\sigma^2}} \exp \left(-\frac{y^2}{2} \right) dy \\
&= \frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2 - 2\sigma^2}},
\end{aligned}$$

where in (2) we used:

$$y = \frac{x\sqrt{t^2 - 2\sigma^2}}{t\sigma}, \text{ with } t > \sqrt{2}\sigma \implies dx = \frac{t\sigma}{\sqrt{t^2 - 2\sigma^2}} dy. \quad (2)$$

If we now study $\mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{t^2} \right) \right] \leq 2$ we get:

$$\frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2 - 2\sigma^2}} \leq 2 \iff t^2 \geq \frac{8}{3}\sigma^2 \implies t < -2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\sigma \vee t > 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\sigma.$$

Since, by the definition of the sub-Gaussian norm, we are considering the infimum among $t \geq 0$ we obtain

$$\|X\|_{\psi_2} = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\sigma.$$

Exercise 8

Compute the sub-Gaussian norm of $X \sim \text{SymBer}$.

Solution:

$$\|X\|_{\psi_2} = \inf \left\{ t > 0 \mid \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{t^2} \right) \right] \leq 2 \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{t^2} \right) \right] &= \exp \left(\frac{1}{t^2} \right) \leq 2 \\ &\implies \frac{1}{t^2} \leq \log 2 \\ t &\leq -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\log 2}} \vee t \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\log 2}} \end{aligned}$$

So $\|X\|_{\psi_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\log 2}}.$

Exercise 9

Let X be a bounded r.v.. Show that

$$\|X\|_{\psi_2} \leq \frac{\|X\|_{\infty}}{\sqrt{\log 2}}.$$

Solution:

We recall that

$$\|X\|_{\psi_2} = \inf \left\{ t > 0 \mid \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{t^2} \right) \right] \leq 2 \right\}$$

and

$$\|X\|_{\infty} = \inf \left\{ a \in \mathbb{R} \mid \mathbb{P} \left(X^{-1}(a, +\infty) \right) = 0 \right\}.$$

Since X is bounded we have that $\exists a \in \mathbb{R} : X(\omega) \leq a \quad \forall \omega$ and therefore $\|X\|_\infty = a$. Now we assume, ab absurdo, that

$$\|X\|_{\psi_2} > \frac{a}{\sqrt{\log(2)}}.$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{\|X\|_{\psi}^2} \right) \right] &< \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2 \log(2)}{a^2} \right) \right] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} [\exp(\log 2)] = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\exists \bar{t} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{\log 2}} \quad : \quad \bar{t} < \|X\|_{\psi_2} \text{ and } \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{\bar{t}^2} \right) \right] \leq 2,$$

which is a contradiction by the definition of $\|\cdot\|_{\psi_2}$. ■

Exercise 10

Show that $\|X\|_{\psi_2}$ is a norm.

Solution:

We want to prove that

$$\|X\|_{\psi_2} = \inf \left\{ t > 0 \mid \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{t^2} \right) \right] \leq 2 \right\}$$

is a norm, hence we need to demonstrate:

- (i) $X \equiv 0 \iff \|X\|_{\psi_2} = 0$;
 - (ii) $\|\lambda X\|_{\psi_2} = |\lambda| \|X\|_{\psi_2} \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$;
 - (iii) $\|X + Y\|_{\psi_2} \leq \|X\|_{\psi_2} + \|Y\|_{\psi_2}$.
- (i) Assuming $X \equiv 0$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|X\|_{\psi_2} &= \inf \left\{ t > 0 \mid \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{0}{t^2} \right) \right] \leq 2 \right\} = \\ &= \inf \{ t > 0 \mid \mathbb{E}[1] \leq 2 \} = \inf \{ t > 0 \} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, let $\|X\|_{\psi_2} = 0$ (we consider as null random variables all those having at most a zero measure set of non-null values) and suppose

for a contradiction that there exists a measurable set $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathbb{P}\{X \in \Omega\} > 0$. Notice that, by hypothesis, we know that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{t^2} \right) \right] = \int_{\Omega} p(x) \exp \left(\frac{x^2}{t^2} \right) dx \leq 2,$$

for any arbitrarily small $t > 0$. Choosing any $0 < t_{\star} < t$, we have that:

$$p(x) \exp \left(\frac{x^2}{t_{\star}^2} \right) > p(x) \exp \left(\frac{x^2}{t^2} \right) \quad \forall x \in \Omega,$$

which implies:

$$\int_{\Omega} p(x) \exp \left(\frac{x^2}{t_{\star}^2} \right) dx > \int_{\Omega} p(x) \exp \left(\frac{x^2}{t^2} \right) dx \quad \forall x \in \Omega.$$

Therefore, if we define $\{t_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = \frac{t}{n}$, since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp(\frac{x^2}{t_n^2}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp(\frac{nx^2}{t^2}) = +\infty$, it will always be possible to find an n_{\star} such that:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{t_{n_{\star}}^2} \right) \right] = \int_{\Omega} p(x) \exp \left(\frac{x^2}{t_{n_{\star}}^2} \right) dx = \int_{\Omega} p(x) \exp \left(\frac{n_{\star} x^2}{t^2} \right) dx > 2$$

which is a contradiction.

(ii) Fixing $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda X\|_{\psi_2} &= \inf \left\{ t > 0 \mid \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{\lambda^2 X^2}{t^2} \right) \right] \leq 2 \right\} = \\ &= \inf \left\{ |\lambda| \frac{t}{|\lambda|} > 0 \mid \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right)^2} \right) \right] \leq 2 \right\} = \\ &= |\lambda| \inf \left\{ y > 0 \mid \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X^2}{y^2} \right) \right] \leq 2 \right\} = |\lambda| \|X\|_{\psi_2}. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Let us consider $f(x) = \exp(x^2)$, which is a convex and increasing function.

Now, considering $a, b > 0$ we have that $f\left(\frac{|X+Y|}{a+b}\right) \leq f\left(\frac{|X|+|Y|}{a+b}\right)$.

Moreover, for the convexity we can write:

$$f\left(\frac{|X|+|Y|}{a+b}\right) = f\left(\frac{a}{a+b} \frac{|X|}{a} + \frac{b}{a+b} \frac{|Y|}{b}\right) \leq \frac{a}{a+b} f\left(\frac{|X|}{a}\right) + \frac{b}{a+b} f\left(\frac{|Y|}{b}\right).$$

As a consequence, picking $a = \|X\|_{\psi_2}^2$ and $b = \|Y\|_{\psi_2}^2$, substituting f and taking the expectations we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X+Y}{\|X\|_{\psi_2} + \|Y\|_{\psi_2}} \right)^2 \right] \leq \\
& \leq \frac{\|X\|_{\psi_2}^2}{\|X\|_{\psi_2}^2 + \|Y\|_{\psi_2}^2} \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X}{\|X\|_{\psi_2}} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{\|Y\|_{\psi_2}^2}{\|X\|_{\psi_2}^2 + \|Y\|_{\psi_2}^2} \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{Y}{\|Y\|_{\psi_2}} \right)^2 \right] \leq \\
& \leq \frac{\|X\|_{\psi_2}^2}{\|X\|_{\psi_2}^2 + \|Y\|_{\psi_2}^2} \cdot 2 + \frac{\|Y\|_{\psi_2}^2}{\|X\|_{\psi_2}^2 + \|Y\|_{\psi_2}^2} \cdot 2 = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we showed that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X+Y}{\|X\|_{\psi_2} + \|Y\|_{\psi_2}} \right)^2 \right] \leq 2$$

from which it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|X\|_{\psi_2}^2 + \|Y\|_{\psi_2}^2 \in \{t > 0 \mid \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{X+Y}{t} \right)^2 \right] \leq 2\} \\
& \quad \downarrow \\
& \|X+Y\|_{\psi_2} \leq \|X\|_{\psi_2} + \|Y\|_{\psi_2}.
\end{aligned}$$

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