

# An invariance principle of Random projection

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## Abstract

Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma states random projections can be used as a topology preserving embedding technique for fixed vectors. In this paper, we try to understand how random projections affect probabilistic properties of random vectors. In particular we prove the distribution of inner product of two independent random vectors  $X, Z \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is preserved by random projection  $S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . More precisely,

$$\sup_t \left| \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{C_{m,n}} X^T S^T S Z < t\right) - \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X^T Z < t\right) \right| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right)$$

As a by-product, we obtain product central limit theorem (product-CLT) for  $\sum_{k=1}^n X_k Y_k$ , where  $\{X_k\}$  is a martingale difference sequence, and  $\{Y_k\}$  has dependency within the sequence. We also obtain the rate of convergence in the spirit of Berry-Esseen theorem.

**Keywords:** Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma; random projection; Central limit theorem; dependent; invariance; inner product, Berry-Esseen; rate of convergence

## 1 Introduction

Due to the internet boom and computer technology advancement in the last few decades, data collection and storage have been growing exponentially. With 'gold' mining demand on the enormous amount of data reaches to a new level, we are facing many technical challenges in understanding the information we have collected. In many different cases, including text and images, data can be represented as points or vectors in high dimensional space. On one hand, it is very easy to collect more and more information about the object so that the dimensionality grows quickly. On the other hand it is very difficult to analyze and create useful models for high dimensional data due to several reasons including computational difficulty as a result of curse of dimensionality and high noise to signal ratio. It is therefore necessary to reduce the dimensionality of the data while preserving the relevant structures.

The celebrated Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma [13] states that random projections can be used as a general dimension reduction technique to embed topological structures in high dimensional Euclidean space into a low dimensional space without distorting its topology. Since then random projections has been found very useful in many applications such as signal processing and machine learning. For example fast Johnson-Lindenstrauss random projections is used to approximate K-nearest neighbors to speed up computation

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[12, 1]. Random sketching uses random projection to reduce sample sizes in regression model and low rank matrix approximation [20]. Practitioners found applications of random projection in privacy and security [14]. Before we begin to state our problem, let us state the Johnson Lindenstrauss lemma [6].

**Lemma 1** (Johnson and Lindenstrauss). *Given a set of vectors  $\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for any  $m \geq 8\varepsilon^{-2} \log k$ , there exists a linear map  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  such that*

$$(1 - \varepsilon)\|u_i - u_j\| \leq \|Au_i - Au_j\| \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\|u_i - u_j\|$$

Given two fixed vectors  $X, Z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , by Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma, we can find a random projections  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  such that the projected distance  $\|AX - AZ\|$  has only a small distortion of the original distance  $\|X - Z\|$ . More precisely,

$$\left[1 - O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right)\right] \|X - Z\|^2 \leq \|A(X - Z)\|^2 \leq \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right)\right] \|X - Z\|^2 \quad (1.1)$$

Equivalently, this property can be reformulated as random projections preserves the inner product of two vectors (Equivalence can be obtained by elementary computation and polarization identity). Namely given  $X, Z$  two vectors in the unit ball of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $\|X\| \leq 1, \|Z\| \leq 1$ ), then there is a random projection  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  such that

$$|\langle AX, AZ \rangle - \langle X, Z \rangle| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right) \quad (1.2)$$

For general vectors not in the unit ball, the bound on the right hand side has the norms as a factor

$$|\langle AX, AZ \rangle - \langle X, Z \rangle| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right)(\|X\|^2 + \|Z\|^2)$$

The natural extension is to consider random vectors  $X, Z$ . Then we may ask what random projections do to random vectors? Is there an invariance phenomenon in the distribution sense? Closeness in distribution usually boils down to the difference of the cumulative distribution function. If we look at inner product, then we will be interested in controlling

$$\sup_t |\mathbb{P}(\langle AX, AZ \rangle < t) - \mathbb{P}(\langle X, Z \rangle < t)|$$

In this work we try to address some of these question. In particular, how distributions of randomly projected random vectors changes. We obtain an invariance principle for independent random vectors very similar to the inner product form of Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma but extended to the distribution sense. Our contributions in this paper includes:

1. We proved random projections preserves distribution of inner product of independent random vectors. Roughly speaking, two orthogonal random vectors in high dimension remains orthogonal in the randomly projected lower dimensional space.
2. We also quantitatively characterize the distortion of distribution introduced by random projection. The error term has a bound at least  $O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}})$ , at most  $O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$ . For  $m \leq n$ , this shows the error term is the same order as in Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma.
3. A central limit theorem is established for random variables with dependence structure. At the same time, we obtained its Berry-Esseen type rate of convergence. This alone can be of great interests in many applications involving dependence structure.

The rest of the paper is structured as follows. We first state the main theorems in section 2. Then we prove product-CLT in section 3 and obtain the rate of convergence in section 4. Along the way, we will discuss some equivalent conditions for product-CLT theorems. In section 5, we prove the theorems concern invariance principle of random projections.

## 2 Main theorems

**Theorem 1** (product-CLT). *Given random variables  $\{X_k\}$  such that  $\mathbb{E}X_k = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}X_k^2 = 1$ . Given another sequence of random variables  $\{Y_k\}$ . Assume  $\{Y_k\}$  are independent with  $\{X_k\}$  sequence ( $Y_k$  and  $Y_{k'}$  could be dependent). Assume all third moments exist and bounded, namely there is fixed large number  $A$*

$$\mathbb{E}[|X_k|^3] < A < \infty, \quad \mathbb{E}[|Y_k|^3] < A < \infty, \quad \forall k \quad (2.1)$$

Further assume

$$\mathbb{E}[X_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}] = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}[X_k^2 | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}] = 1 \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_k$  is the filtration generated by the (martingale difference) sequence  $\{X_k\}$ .

Assume  $\{Y_k\}$  satisfies

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n Y_k^2 \xrightarrow{p} 1 \quad (2.3)$$

Then we have the following CLT

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k Y_k \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

In principle, one can replace the third order moment condition 2.1 by the Lindeberg condition. But we prefer it to keep the argument compact. After proving the theorem, we will also give a few conditions that guarantees 2.3

Moreover, we are interested in the rate of convergence which will need control of higher order moments. Indeed, in developing a Berry-Esseen type rate of convergence theorem, we will also need assumptions on how fast the average of  $\{Y_k^2\}$  converges. We state our result as follows,

**Theorem 2** (Rate of convergence product-CLT). *Assume all the conditions in Theorem 1 holds. Further assume if rate of convergence for LLN of  $Y_k^2$  is controlled by the following condition*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ 1 \wedge \left| \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n Y_k^2} - 1 \right| \right] < O(\varepsilon_n) \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\varepsilon_n$  converges to zero. Then we have

$$\left| \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k Y_k < t\right) - \mathbb{P}(G < t) \right| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \vee \varepsilon_n\right) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

where  $G$  is the standard normal random variable.

We then use the product-CLT theorem to obtain invariance of the distribution of inner product of randomly projected random vectors.

**Theorem 3** (Random projection CLT). *Given two independent random vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  $X = [X_1, \dots, X_n]^T$ ,  $Z = [Z_1, \dots, Z_n]^T$  with all  $X_i, Z_i$  independent with each other and  $\mathbb{E}X_i = \mathbb{E}Z_i = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}X_i^2 = \mathbb{E}Z_i^2 = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{E}|X_i|^3 \vee \mathbb{E}|Z_i|^3 < A < \infty$ . Consider a random matrix  $S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with entries  $\mathbb{E}S_{i,j} = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}S_{i,j}^2 = 1$ . Further assume  $\mathbb{E}S_{1,1}^8 \vee \mathbb{E}Z_1^4 < c < \infty$ , then we have*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2 n + m n^2}} X^T S^T S Z \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{as } m, n \rightarrow \infty$$

**Theorem 4** (Random projection invariance). *Given the same moments assumption as in Theorem 3, the following bounds hold.*

$$\sup_t \left| \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2n + mn^2}} X^T S^T S Z < t\right) - \mathbb{P}(G < t) \right| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right) \quad (2.5)$$

$$\sup_t \left| \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2n + mn^2}} X^T S^T S Z < t\right) - \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X^T Z < t\right) \right| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right) \quad (2.6)$$

### 3 Proof of Theorem 1

#### 3.1 A proof based on Lindeberg swapping

**Proof:** Let us begin with the Lindeberg argument.

Take any function  $f$  from  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  smooth function with bounded support on the real line. Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i$ . Let  $Z, \{Z_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  be independent standard normal random variables. It is sufficient to show

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} S_n)] - \mathbb{E}[f(Z)] \rightarrow 0$$

Our strategy is to split the difference into two parts

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} S_n)] - \mathbb{E}[f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Y_i)], \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}[f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Y_i)] - \mathbb{E}[f(Z)]$$

then show both are small.

First step, let us try to show

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} S_n)] - \mathbb{E}[f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Y_i)] \rightarrow 0$$

We write the difference as a telescopic sum,

$$\Delta_n := f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} S_n) - f(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Y_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n f(T_k) - f(T_{k-1})$$

where

$$T_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^k X_i Y_i + \sum_{i=k+1}^n Z_i Y_i \right]$$

To make notation easier to read, denote  $U_k := T_k - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X_k Y_k = T_{k-1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} Z_k Y_k$ .

Now let us take a Taylor expansion on  $f(T_k), f(T_{k-1})$  around  $U_k$ ,

$$f(T_k) - f(U_k) = f'(U_k) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X_k Y_k + \frac{1}{2} f''(U_k) \frac{1}{n} X_k^2 Y_k^2 + O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}} X_k^3 Y_k^3 \sup_x f'''(x))$$

$$f(T_{k-1}) - f(U_k) = f'(U_k) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} Z_k Y_k + \frac{1}{2} f''(U_k) \frac{1}{n} Z_k^2 Y_k^2 + O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}} Z_k^3 Y_k^3 \sup_x f'''(x))$$

Since  $Y_k$  is independent with  $X_k, Z_k$ , by conditioning on  $\mathcal{F}_{k-1}$  the first order terms match.

$$\mathbb{E}[f'(U_k) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X_k Y_k] = \mathbb{E}[f'(U_k) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} Y_k \mathbb{E}[X_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}]] = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[f'(U_k)\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z_kY_k] = \mathbb{E}[f'(U_k)\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Y_k\mathbb{E}[Z_k]] = 0$$

Similar argument shows second terms match,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[f''(U_k)\frac{1}{n}X_k^2Y_k^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[f''(U_k)\frac{1}{n}X_k^2Y_k^2|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\frac{1}{n}f''(U_k)Y_k^2\mathbb{E}[X_k^2|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\frac{1}{n}f''(U_k)Y_k^2] \\ \mathbb{E}[f''(U_k)\frac{1}{n}Z_k^2Y_k^2] &= \mathbb{E}[f''(U_k)\frac{1}{n}Y_k^2]\mathbb{E}[Z_k^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\frac{1}{n}f''(U_k)Y_k^2]\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}f(T_k) - f(T_{k-1}) = O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}}\mathbb{E}X_k^3Y_k^3 \sup_x f'''(x))$$

Sum up the  $n$  terms,

$$\mathbb{E}\Delta_n = O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathbb{E}(X_k^3 + Z_k^3)Y_k^3 \sup_x f'''(x))$$

In the case  $X_k, Y_k$  have finite third moments, we conclude replacing  $X_i$  by Gaussian random variables will only introduce the difference of the order  $n^{-1/2}$

$$\mathbb{E}\Delta_n = O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$$

Now it suffices to show

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{i=1}^n Z_iY_i \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Notice by computing the moment generating function, we can verify, for all  $n$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2}}\sum_{i=1}^n Z_iY_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Then by Slutsky's theorem and condition  $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2 \rightarrow 1$ , we conclude our desired result.  $\square$

## 3.2 Alternative assumptions

Here we discuss a variation of the product-CLT. This version has the advantage that the assumptions are easier to verify in practice. We only impose the mixed second moments conditions which can be approximately computed with empirical data.

**Proposition 2.** *In Theorem 1, if  $Y_k$  satisfied,*

$$\mathbb{E}Y_k^2 \rightarrow 1, \quad \mathbb{E}[|Y_k|^4] < C < \infty, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

*Further assume the mixed second moments satisfy*

$$\frac{1}{n^2}\sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}[Y_i^2 Y_j^2] \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 \tag{3.1}$$

*Then the following LLN holds*

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_k Y_k^2 \xrightarrow{p} 1$$

**Proof:** By Chebyshev's inequality,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\left|\sum_i (Y_i^2 - 1)\right| > \varepsilon\right) \leq \frac{\frac{1}{n^2}\mathbb{E}[|\sum_i (Y_i^2 - 1)|^2]}{\varepsilon^2}$$

Notice

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n^2}\mathbb{E}[|\sum_i (Y_i^2 - 1)|^2] &= \frac{1}{n^2}\left[\sum_i \mathbb{E}Y_i^4 + \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}Y_i^2 Y_j^2 - 2n \sum_i \mathbb{E}Y_i^2 + n^2\right] \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{n^2}\left[\sum_i \mathbb{E}Y_i^4 + \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}Y_i^2 Y_j^2\right] - 1 \\ &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we see for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\left|\sum_i (Y_i^2 - 1)\right| > \varepsilon\right) \rightarrow 0$$

This implies there is a weak law of large number for the sequence  $Y_n^2$ , namely

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_k Y_k^2 \xrightarrow{p} 1$$

□

In practice one will only need to verify that the average  $\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j} Y_i^2 Y_j^2$  is close to 1. It turns out that the mixed second moments condition is equivalent to a fourth moment convergence condition.

**Proposition 3.** *In Proposition 2, the condition 3.1 is equivalent to*

$$\mathbb{E}[P_n^4] \rightarrow 3, \quad \text{where } P_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i X_i Y_i \quad (3.2)$$

**Proof:**

$$\mathbb{E}[P_n^4] = n^{-2} \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_4 \leq n} \mathbb{E}X_{i_1} Y_{i_1} \dots X_{i_4} Y_{i_4}$$

Now we want to analyze the indices  $I = \{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4\}$ . If one of index  $i_k$  is different from the other three, then  $\mathbb{E}[X_{i_k} | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}] = 0$  implies the whole product vanish. Therefore the only surviving terms must be either all indices the same or indices appear as pairs. Namely

$$\mathbb{E}[P_n^4] = n^{-2} \left[ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} \mathbb{E}X_i^4 Y_i^4 + 3 \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \mathbb{E}X_i^2 Y_i^2 X_j^2 Y_j^2 \right]$$

where the factor 3 is because the pairs have three cases  $i_1 = i_2, i_3 = i_4; i_1 = i_3, i_2 = i_4; i_1 = i_4, i_2 = i_3$ .

Then notice  $\mathbb{E}X_i^2 Y_i^2 X_j^2 Y_j^2 = \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 X_j^2) \mathbb{E}Y_i^2 Y_j^2 = \mathbb{E}Y_i^2 Y_j^2$  since  $\mathbb{E}(X_i^2 X_j^2) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X_i^2 X_j^2 | \mathcal{F}_{\min(i,j)}]] = 1$ . Combining the assumption that fourth moment is bounded we see

$$\mathbb{E}[P_n^4] \rightarrow 3 \iff \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}Y_i^2 Y_j^2 \rightarrow 1$$

□

There are several advantages of our product-CLT compared with martingale-CLT. First, product-CLT is applicable to more general cases. As we will see in the proof of invariance principle of random projections, there is no way to apply martingale-CLT. Secondly, the assumptions in martingale-CLT are very hard to verify in practice. It requires the conditional variance converges. In real world applications it is almost impossible to compute a conditional variance, for example  $\mathbb{E}[X_i^2 Y_i^2 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1}]$ , when variables are dependent. On the other hand the proposed product-CLT only requires to verify second moments directly.

### 3.3 Miscellaneous

#### 3.3.1 Brief review of central limit theorem

Central limit theorem plays an important role in probability and has many real world applications. One problem in the classical theory is that we can only deal with independent random variables. There are many attempts to extend the theory to dependent random variables. Hoeffding and Robbins [11] formulated one of the early results which shows CLT still holds for locally dependent sequence. One of most interesting development is the martingale difference central limit theorem in [5]. In a nutshell, if the conditional variance converges in probability, then a Lindeberg condition implies CLT for the sequences.

**Theorem 5** (Martingale CLT). *Let  $\{X_k\}$  be a sequence of martingale differences,  $\{\mathcal{F}_k\}$  be the natural filtration, Let  $\mathbb{E}X_k^2 = 1$ , denote  $\mathbb{E}[X_k^2|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}] := \sigma_k^2$ . If the following two conditions hold*

1.  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_k \sigma_k^2 \xrightarrow{p} 1$
2. *Lindeberg condition:  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_k \mathbb{E}X_k^2 I(|X_k| > \varepsilon\sqrt{n}) \rightarrow 0$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .*

Then

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

The exact rate of convergence is obtained by Bolthausen [3]: with uniformly boundedness condition, the rate of convergence is shown as  $O(\frac{\log n}{\sqrt{n}})$ , Slightly more general results can be found in [10] and [15]. There is another line of research considers mixing weak dependence which will not be discussed here. One may find detailed discussions in [4] and [7]. A mixing condition requires dependence between random variables in the sequence decays as their positions are further apart. Essentially, far apart random variables become almost independent.

#### 3.3.2 Symmetric random variables

One interesting observation is that our product-CLT shows symmetric random variable have a CLT whenever there is a LLN for the squares.

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $\{Y_k\}$  have the same conditions as in Theorem 1, further assume  $Y_k$  have symmetric distribution. Then*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_k Y_k \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

**Proof:** Since  $Y_k$  is symmetric, we can replace  $Y_k$  by  $X_k Y_k$  where  $X_k$  is a sequence of i.i.d. Rademacher random variables which are independent of  $Y_k$ . Then the result follows from Theorem 1.  $\square$

## 4 Proof of Theorem 2

The proof will be several steps. First we record a variation formula in Lemma 5. Then we use the variation formula to rewrite the error term by introducing a standard normal variable in Lemma 6. Then we use Lindeberg type argument to reduce the control of error to control of two terms. One term is a telescopic sum which we will control in Lemma 7 with the moments information. The other term is the difference of two cumulative distribution functions (cdfs) that are close to normal cdfs which we will control in Lemma 8 with the LLN property of  $Y_i^2$ , namely condition 2.4.

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $X$  and  $\xi$  be two independent random variables. Let  $\sigma = \sqrt{\mathbb{E}\xi^2}$ . Let  $\Phi$  be the cumulative distribution of standard normal. Denote*

$$\delta = \sup_t |\mathbb{P}(X \leq t) - \Phi(t)| \quad \delta^* = \sup_t |\mathbb{P}(X + \xi \leq t) - \Phi(t)|$$

Then

$$\delta \leq 2\delta^* + \frac{5}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\sigma, \quad \delta^* \leq 2\delta + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{\pi}}\sigma$$

**Proof:** See for example [3] □

**Lemma 6.** Denote

$$\delta := \sup_t \left| \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\sum X_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) - \Phi(t) \right|, \quad \delta_\xi := \sup_t \left| \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi + \sum X_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) - \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{n}} + G \leq t \right) \right|$$

Given the same setting in Theorem 2, and let  $G, \xi$  be independent standard normal random variable. Then

$$\delta \leq 2\delta_\xi + \frac{3}{\sqrt{n}}$$

**Proof:**

By Lemma 5 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &:= \sup_t \left| \mathbb{P}(G \leq t) - \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{n}} + G \leq t \right) \right| \\ &\leq 2 \sup_t |\mathbb{P}(G \leq t) - \mathbb{P}(G \leq t)| + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \frac{3}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

Again by Lemma 5, we see

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &\leq 2 \sup_t \left| \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi + \sum X_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) - \Phi(t) \right| + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &\leq 2(\delta_\xi + \eta) + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &< 2\delta_\xi + \frac{3}{\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

□

Now we are ready to prove the rate of convergence in theorem 2.

**Proof:** Let  $\{Z_i\}$  be a sequence of independent standard normal random variables which is independent from  $\{X_i, Y_i\}$ . By conditioning, we can rewrite  $\delta_\xi$  of Lemma 6

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_\xi &= \sup_t \left| \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi + \sum X_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) - \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{n}} + G \leq t \right) \right| \\ &= \sup_t \left| \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi + \sum X_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) - \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi + \sum Z_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) + \Delta_t \right| \\ &= \sup_t \left| \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^n \Phi(T_m) - \Phi(T_{m-1}) \right] + \Delta_t \right| \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_t &= \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi + \sum Z_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) - \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{n}} + G \leq t \right) \\ T_m &= t\sqrt{n} - \sum_{i=1}^m X_i Y_i - \sum_{i=m+1}^n Z_i Y_i \end{aligned}$$



Therefore with Lemma 7 controlling the part of telescopic sum and Lemma 8 controlling  $\sup_t |\Delta_t|$  (which we will prove later in 4.1), we see,

$$\sup_t \left| \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi + \sum X_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) - \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{n}} + G \leq t \right) \right| \leq O(\varepsilon_n \vee \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$$

Then by Lemma 6, we conclude the desired result

$$\sup_t \left| \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\sum X_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) - \Phi(t) \right| \leq O(\varepsilon_n \vee \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$$

□

**Remarks.** If we let  $Y_k = 1$  for all  $k$ , then we recover the rate of convergence  $O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$  for a martingale difference sequence  $\{X_k\}$ . This is not contradicting the Martingale difference CLT which has a rate  $O(\frac{\log n}{\sqrt{n}})$ , see [3]. Martingale CLT is derived under a slightly weaker condition on variance, which only requires  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_k \mathbb{E}[X_k^2 | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}] \rightarrow 1$  instead of our condition that  $\mathbb{E}[X_k^2 | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}]$  to be constant 1 for all  $k$ .

## 4.1 Proof of Lemma 7 and 8

**Lemma 7.** If  $\mathbb{E}X_k^3 < A < \infty, \mathbb{E}Y_k^3 < A < \infty, \forall k$  then there is a constant  $c$

$$\sup_t \left| \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^n \Phi(T_m) - \Phi(T_{m-1}) \right] \right| \leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (4.1)$$

**Proof:** Let  $U_k = T_k - X_k Y_k = T_{k-1} - Z_k Y_k$ , then

$$\Phi(T_k) - \Phi(U_k) = \Phi'(U_k) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X_k Y_k + \frac{1}{2} \Phi''(U_k) \frac{1}{n} X_k^2 Y_k^2 + O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}} |X_k^3 Y_k^3| \sup_x \Phi'''(x))$$

$$\Phi(T_{k-1}) - \Phi(U_k) = \Phi'(U_k) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} Z_k Y_k + \frac{1}{2} \Phi''(U_k) \frac{1}{n} Z_k^2 Y_k^2 + O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}} |Z_k^3 Y_k^3| \sup_x \Phi'''(x))$$

Similar arguments from the CLT proof shows the first two terms match. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^n \Phi(T_m) - \Phi(T_{m-1}) \right] \right| &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^n O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}} (|X_k^3| + |Z_k^3|) |Y_k^3| \sup_x \Phi'''(x)) \right] \\ &\leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

Note  $\Phi'''(x) = \frac{x^2-1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$  and  $|\sup_x \Phi'''(x)| < \frac{2}{5}$ .

□

**Lemma 8.** If condition 2.4

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ 1 \wedge \left| \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n}} - 1 \right| \right] \leq O(\varepsilon_n)$$

is satisfied. Then

$$\sup_t |\Delta_t| \leq O(\varepsilon_n \vee \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$$

**Proof:** With similar argument in Lemma 6, we can removing the same variation term, normal random variable  $\frac{\xi}{\sqrt{n}}$  in  $\Delta_t$ . So for some constant  $c_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_t |\Delta_t| &\leq 2 \sup_t \left| \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\sum Z_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) - \mathbb{P}(G \leq t) \right| + \frac{c_0}{\sqrt{n}} \\ \sup_t \left| \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\sum Z_i Y_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq t \right) - \mathbb{P}(G \leq t) \right| &= \sup_t \mathbb{E} \left| \mathbb{P}(G \leq t \sqrt{\frac{n}{\sum Y_i^2}}) - \mathbb{P}(G \leq t) \right| \\ &= \sup_t \mathbb{E} \left| \int_t^{t \sqrt{\frac{n}{\sum Y_i^2}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \right| \\ &:= \sup_t \mathbb{E} h(t) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \sup_t h(t) \end{aligned}$$

where we denote  $S_n = \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_i^2}{n}}$ ,  $h(t) = \left| \int_t^{t/S_n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \right|$ .

Notice  $0 < h(t) < 1$  and  $h(t) < |t - t/S_n| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\min(t^2, t^2/S_n^2)}{2}}$ . So

$$\sup_t |h(t)| \leq 1 \wedge \left[ |t/S_n - t| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\min(t^2, t^2/S_n^2)}{2}} \right]$$

Notice the fact  $\sup_x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} |x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}| < \frac{1}{2}$ . When  $S_n > 1$ ,  $\min(t^2, t^2/S_n^2) = t^2/S_n^2$ , we conclude

$$\sup_t |h(t)| \leq 1 \wedge \frac{1}{2} |1 - S_n| \leq 1 \wedge |1 - S_n|$$

When  $\frac{1}{2} < S_n < 1$ , we have  $4S_n^2 > 1$ . Then  $\min(t^2, t^2/S_n^2) \geq \frac{t^2}{4S_n^2}$ . We see

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_t |h(t)| &\leq 1 \wedge \left[ |2 - 2S_n| \frac{t^2}{4S_n^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{4S_n^2}} \right] \\ &\leq 1 \wedge \frac{1}{2} |2 - 2S_n| \\ &= 1 \wedge |1 - S_n| \end{aligned}$$

When  $S_n < \frac{1}{2}$ , we use the bound  $\sup_t |h(t)| < 1$ . And

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n < \frac{1}{2}) \leq 2\mathbb{E}[1 \wedge |1 - S_n|, S_n < \frac{1}{2}]$$

Combining condition 2.4, we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\sup_t h(t)] &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ 1 \wedge |S_n - 1|, S_n > \frac{1}{2} \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ 1, S_n < \frac{1}{2} \right] \\ &\leq O(\varepsilon_n) + \mathbb{P} \left( S_n < \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &\leq O(\varepsilon_n) + 2\mathbb{E}[1 \wedge |1 - S_n|, S_n < \frac{1}{2}] \\ &\leq O(\varepsilon_n) \end{aligned}$$

Then we conclude

$$\sup_t |\Delta_t| \leq O(\varepsilon_n \vee \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$$

□

## 4.2 Discussion on the assumptions

A natural question is whether the condition 2.4 is necessary for Theorem 2. We will first show the condition 2.4 for Lemma 8 is sharp by obtaining a lower bound for  $\sup_t \mathbb{E}h(t)$ . This implies the technique we used in proving Theorem 2 is delicate enough to squeeze out any unnecessary relaxation.

**Proposition 9.**

$$\sup_t \mathbb{E}h(t) \geq O(\mathbb{E} \left[ 1 \wedge \left| \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n}} - 1 \right| \right]) \quad (4.2)$$

**Proof:** Take  $t = 1$  we find

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}h(1) &= \mathbb{E} \left| \int_1^{1/S_n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \right| \\ &\geq c \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_1^{1/S_n} dx, \frac{1}{S_n} \leq 2 \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_1^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx, \frac{1}{S_n} > 2 \right] \\ &\geq c \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| 1 - \frac{1}{S_n} \right|, S_n \geq \frac{1}{2} \right] + c \mathbb{E} \left[ 1, S_n < \frac{1}{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{2^2}{2}} \geq \frac{1}{20}$ .

We will further separate  $S_n \geq \frac{1}{2}$  into three events.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \leq S_n \leq 1 : \quad & \frac{1}{S_n} - 1 \geq 1 - S_n \geq 0 \\ 1 < S_n < 2 : \quad & 1 - \frac{1}{S_n} \geq \frac{1}{2}(S_n - 1) \geq 0 \\ S_n \geq 2 : \quad & 1 - \frac{1}{S_n} \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So overall on the event  $S_n \geq \frac{1}{2}$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{S_n} - 1 \right| \geq \frac{1}{2} [1 \wedge |S_n - 1|]$$

Combining all together,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_t \mathbb{E}h(t) &\geq \mathbb{E}h(1) \geq \frac{1}{40} \mathbb{E} \left[ 1 \wedge |S_n - 1|, S_n \geq \frac{1}{2} \right] + \frac{1}{20} \mathbb{E} \left[ 1, S_n < \frac{1}{2} \right] \\ &\geq \frac{1}{40} \mathbb{E} [1 \wedge |S_n - 1|] \end{aligned}$$

□

Next we will use i.i.d.  $X_i, Y_i$  as an example to show the rate of convergence obtained from Theorem 2 is the same as Berry-Esseen in classical CLT. This implies the condition 2.4 is sharp for this specific example. Note this does not imply condition 2.4 is sharp in general. However, we suspect any nontrivial improvement require more restrictive assumptions.

**Proposition 10.** *In theorem 2, condition 2.4 is sharp if  $X_i, Y_i$  are i.i.d. sequences with mean zero and variance one.*

**Proof:** Let  $\{X_i\}, \{Y_i\}$  be i.i.d. random variables with mean zero, variance one (e.g. standard normal). Then by the classical CLT and Berry-Esseen we know

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k Y_k < t\right) = \mathbb{P}(G < t) + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Let us derive the same result from Theorem 2. For i.i.d.  $Y_i$  mean zero and variance one,

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_i^2}{n}} - 1 \right) = \sqrt{n} \frac{(\sum Y_i^2/n - 1)}{(\sqrt{\sum Y_i^2/n} + 1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{4})$$

Since  $\sqrt{n}(\sum Y_i^2/n - 1) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and  $(\sqrt{\sum Y_i^2/n} + 1) \rightarrow 2$  in probability and we can apply Slutsky's theorem. Therefore condition 2.4 is satisfied with

$$\mathbb{E} \left( 1 \wedge \left| \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_i^2}{n}} - 1 \right| \right) = O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

Then Theorem 2 gives the same conclusion as Berry-Esseen.  $\square$

A more intuitive control of the LLN of  $Y_k^2$  would be controlling the tail probability directly, which will not be sharp.

**Proposition 11.** *In theorem 2, condition 2.4 can be replaced by*

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \left| \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n}} - 1 \right| > O(\varepsilon_n) \right) \leq O(\varepsilon_n) \quad (4.3)$$

where  $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$ . This condition is stronger than 2.4. In other words, it is sufficient for Theorem 2 but not necessary.

**Proof:** Let  $S_n = \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n}}$ . Assume 4.3 holds.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [1 \wedge |S_n - 1|] &= \mathbb{E} [1 \wedge |S_n - 1|, |S_n - 1| > O(\varepsilon_n)] + \mathbb{E} [1 \wedge |S_n - 1|, |S_n - 1| \leq O(\varepsilon_n)] \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}(|S_n - 1| > O(\varepsilon_n)) + O(\varepsilon_n) \\ &\leq O(\varepsilon_n) \end{aligned}$$

To show condition 4.3 is stronger than condition 2.4, we look at the example of i.i.d.  $\{Y_i\}$  sequence. For i.i.d.  $Y_i$  mean zero and variance one,

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_i^2}{n}} - 1 \right) = \sqrt{n} \frac{(\sum Y_i^2/n - 1)}{(\sqrt{\sum Y_i^2/n} + 1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{4})$$

Since  $\sqrt{n}(\sum Y_i^2/n - 1) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and  $(\sqrt{\sum Y_i^2/n} + 1) \rightarrow 2$  in probability and we can apply Slutsky's theorem. Therefore condition 2.4 is satisfied

$$\mathbb{E} \left( 1 \wedge \left| \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_i^2}{n}} - 1 \right| \right) = O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

However, condition 4.3 is not satisfied since

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n}} - 1\right| > O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{n}\left|\sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n}} - 1\right| > O(1)\right) \\ &\approx \mathbb{P}\left(|\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{4})| > O(1)\right) \\ &= O(1)\end{aligned}$$

□

## 5 Random projection

Suppose we have  $X, Z$  two independent random vectors. In this section, we will investigate how much the independence structure is preserved in the projected space. Let  $A$  be a random projection, the resulting projected random vectors  $AX, AZ$  will be dependent. It is not clear how to extract an invariance principle based on the classical independence definition. It turns out the natural characterization of independence structure in both original and projected space is the following,

**Definition 12.** *Two centered random vectors  $X, Z$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are product-independent if there is a constant  $C_n$  depend on  $n$  such that*

$$\frac{1}{C_n} \langle X, Z \rangle = \frac{1}{C_n} X^T Z \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Given two independent random vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{bmatrix}, Z = \begin{bmatrix} Z_1 \\ \vdots \\ Z_n \end{bmatrix}$$

with all  $X_i, Z_i$  independent with each other and  $\mathbb{E}X_i = \mathbb{E}Z_i = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}X_i^2 = \mathbb{E}Z_i^2 = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{E}|X_i|^3 \vee \mathbb{E}|Z_i|^3 < A < \infty$ . Then it is clear the following CLT holds:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X^T Z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Z_i \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

And the classical Berry-Esseen theorem [2, 9, 8] tells us

$$\sup_t \left| \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X^T Z < t\right) - \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N}(0, 1) < t) \right| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \quad (5.1)$$

Consider a random matrix  $S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  whose entries has mean 0 and variance 1. Then the natural question is whether CLT holds for product of the randomly projected vectors  $SX$  and  $SZ$ . Namely

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n} a_{n,m}} X^T S^T S Z \xrightarrow{?} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

where  $a_{n,m}$  is a scaling parameter depend on both  $m$  and  $n$ . Moreover, we will need to derive the rate of convergence in the spirit of Berry-Esseen theorem, namely find

$$\sup_t \left| \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n} a_{n,m}} X^T S^T S Z < t\right) - \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N}(0, 1) < t) \right| \leq ?$$

If we try to use existing CLT that deal with dependent random variables, for example martingale CLT, it will not be applicable. The major difficulty is there is no natural filtration since the terms in the sum will have be very dependent so the conditional variance in martingale CLT is not computable. It turns out our product-CLT is the right tool to use.

Now what are the necessary conditions required to apply our product-CLT? Since  $\{X_i\}$  is a sequence with independent random variables, it satisfies all conditions in Theorem 1 and 2. So we need to show the assumptions on the second dependent sequence

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix} := \frac{1}{a_{n,m}} S^T S Z$$

is also satisfied. Denote  $i$ -th column of  $S$  as  $S_i$ , then  $Y_i = \frac{1}{a_{n,m}} S_i^T S Z$ . Moreover,  $\{Y_i\}$  are identically distributed even though they are dependent random variables. The Lindeberg swap idea in Theorem 1 requires the variables  $Y_i$  have finite third moments and a weak law of large number of  $Y_i^2$ . We shall prove the weak law of large number in the following Lemma 13. In the proof we shall follow Proposition 2 using Chebyshev's inequality to show the weak law of large number statement.

## 5.1 Random projection preserves 'product-independence'

**Lemma 13.** *Given  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $a_{n,m} = \sqrt{m^2 + mn}$ . If  $\mathbb{E}S_{i,j}^4 \vee \mathbb{E}S_{i,j}^8 \vee \mathbb{E}Z_i^4 < c < \infty$ , then we have*

$$\mathbb{E}Y_i^2 \rightarrow 1, \forall i$$

and

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum Y_i^2 \rightarrow 1$$

**Proof:** By Proposition 2, it suffices to prove  $\mathbb{E}Y_i^2 \rightarrow 1$ ,  $\mathbb{E}Y_i^4 < A < \infty$ , and  $\sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}(Y_i^2 - 1)(Y_j^2 - 1) \rightarrow 0$ . For the second moment,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Y_1^2] &= \frac{1}{a_{n,m}^2} \mathbb{E}[(S_1^T S Z)^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{a_{n,m}^2} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq m, 1 \leq p, q \leq n} \mathbb{E}S_{i,1} S_{i,p} Z_p S_{j,1} S_{j,q} Z_q \\ &= \frac{1}{a_{n,m}^2} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq m, 1 \leq p, q \leq n} \mathbb{E}S_{i,1} S_{i,p} S_{j,1} S_{j,q} \mathbb{E}Z_p Z_q \end{aligned}$$

Notice the random matrix  $S$  and random vector  $Z$  are centered,  $\mathbb{E}S = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}Z = 0$ . The surviving terms have to be even powers, which are  $\{p = q \neq 1, i = j\}$ ,  $\{p = q = 1, i, j\}$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Y_1^2] &= \frac{1}{a_{n,m}^2} \left[ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m, 2 \leq p \leq n} \mathbb{E}S_{i,1}^2 S_{i,p}^2 \mathbb{E}Z_p^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq m} \mathbb{E}S_{i,1}^2 S_{j,1}^2 \mathbb{E}Z_1^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(m^2 + mn)} [m(n-1) + (m\mathbb{E}S_{1,1}^4 + m^2 - m)] \\ &= 1 + \frac{\mathbb{E}S_{1,1}^4 - 2}{m+n} \\ &= 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{m+n}\right) \rightarrow 1 \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

Now we will show  $\mathbb{E}Y_i^2 Y_j^2 \rightarrow 1$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[Y_1^2 Y_2^2] &= \frac{1}{a_{n,m}^4} \mathbb{E}[(S_1^T S Z)^2 (S_2^T S Z)^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{a_{n,m}^4} \sum \mathbb{E}(S_{i_1,1} S_{i_1,p_1} S_{j_1,1} S_{j_1,q_1} Z_{p_1} Z_{q_1}) (S_{i_2,2} S_{i_2,p_2} S_{j_2,2} S_{j_2,q_2} Z_{p_2} Z_{q_2})\end{aligned}$$

First, there are eight indices in the summation. And  $1 \leq i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2 \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq p_1, q_1, p_2, q_2 \leq n$ . Since  $\mathbb{E}S_{i,j} = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}Z_i = 0$ , the surviving terms in the summation must have higher powers for  $S_{i,j}$  and  $Z_i$ . We will count the total number of possible such terms.

Surviving terms will satisfy the following condition

$$Z_{p_1} Z_{q_1} Z_{p_2} Z_{q_2} = Z_p^2 Z_q^2, \quad 1 \leq p, q \leq n$$

We will analyze and count in two different cases:

$$\{p, q\} \cap \{1, 2\} \neq \emptyset, \quad \{p, q\} \cap \{1, 2\} = \emptyset$$

There are still many sub-cases, we need to treat differently.

- Case 1:  $\{p, q\} \cap \{1, 2\} \neq \emptyset$ 
  - Case 1-1:  $\{p, q\} \subseteq \{1, 2\}$ .
    - \* Case 1-1-1:  $p = q = 1$ . Then each term is  $\mathbb{E}S_{i_1,1}^2 S_{j_1,1}^2 S_{i_2,2} S_{i_2,1} S_{j_2,2} S_{j_2,1} Z_1^4$ . Then  $i_2 = j_2$  in order to have squares. So the total is

$$m^3 \mathbb{E}Z_1^4 + O(m^2)$$

- \* Case 1-1-2:  $p = q = 2$ . Same as the computation in case 1-1-1, we have total

$$m^3 \mathbb{E}Z_1^4 + O(m^2)$$

- \* Case 1-1-3:  $p = 1, q = 2$ . This will give us  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  separate cases.

$p_1$	$q_1$	$p_2$	$q_2$
1	1	2	2
1	2	1	2
1	2	2	1
2	1	1	2
2	1	2	1
2	2	1	1

Only the first case (1, 1, 2, 2) produces terms  $\mathbb{E}S_{i_1,1}^2 S_{j_1,1}^2 S_{i_2,2}^2 S_{j_2,2}^2 Z_1^2 Z_2^2$ . In total it is  $m^4 + O(m^3)$ . All other five cases have the similar analysis with same number of terms, we only show the second here.  $\mathbb{E}S_{i_1,1}^2 S_{j_1,1} S_{j_1,2} S_{i_2,2} S_{i_2,1} S_{j_2,2}^2 Z_1^2 Z_2^2$ . Then  $j_2 = i_2$  must holds for the surviving terms, which in total is  $m^3 + O(m^2)$ . Combining all together, we have in total

$$m^4 + O(m^3)$$

- Case 1-2:  $p = 1, q \notin \{1, 2\}$ . Same as 1-1 there are  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  separate cases.

$p_1$	$q_1$	$p_2$	$q_2$
1	1	q	q
1	q	1	q
1	q	q	1
q	1	1	q
q	1	q	1
q	q	1	1

Only the first case  $(1, 1, q, q)$  produces terms  $\mathbb{E}S_{i_1,1}^2 S_{j_1,1}^2 S_{i_2,2} S_{i_2,q} S_{j_2,2} S_{j_2,q} Z_1^2 Z_q^2$ . In this case  $i_2 = j_2$  must hold. In total, there are  $m^3(n-2) + O(m^2n)$  terms.

All other five cases have the similar analysis with same number of terms, we only show the first. Only the second case  $(1, q, 1, q)$ .  $\mathbb{E}S_{i_1,1}^2 S_{j_1,1} S_{j_1,q} S_{i_2,2} S_{i_2,1} S_{j_2,2} S_{j_2,q} Z_1^2 Z_q^2$ . In this case  $j_1 = i_2 = j_2$  must hold. In total, there are  $m^2(n-2) + O(mn)$  terms. Combining all together, we have in total

$$m^3n + O(m^3 + m^2n)$$

– Case 1-3:  $p = 2, q \notin \{1, 2\}$ . Again there are  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  separate cases.

$p_1$	$q_1$	$p_2$	$q_2$
2	2	q	q
2	q	2	q
2	q	q	2
q	2	2	q
q	2	q	2
q	q	2	2

Only the last case  $(q, q, 2, 2)$  produces terms  $\mathbb{E}S_{i_1,1} S_{i_1,q} S_{j_1,1} S_{j_1,q} S_{i_2,2}^2 S_{j_2,2}^2 Z_q^2 Z_2^2$ . Then  $i_1 = j_1$  must holds. In total it is  $m^3(n-2) + O(m^2n)$ .

All other five cases have the similar analysis, we only show the first here.  $\mathbb{E}S_{i_1,1} S_{i_1,2} S_{j_1,1} S_{j_1,2} S_{i_2,2} S_{i_2,q} S_{j_2,2} S_{j_2,q} Z_q^2 Z_2^2$ . Then  $i_1 = j_1, i_2 = j_2$  must holds for the surviving terms, which in total is  $m^2(n-2) + O(mn)$ . Combining all together, we have in total

$$m^3n + O(m^3 + m^2n)$$

- Case 2:  $\{p, q\} \cap \{1, 2\} = \emptyset$ .

To have squares for variables from matrix  $S$ , we must have squares produced for  $S_{i_1,1} S_{j_1,1} S_{i_2,2} S_{j_2,2}$  and  $S_{i_1,p_1} S_{j_1,p_1} S_{i_2,p_2} S_{j_2,p_2}$  separately. Therefore  $i_1 = j_1, i_2 = j_2$ . Denote  $i_1 := i, j_1 := j$ . Then we can further split into two cases,  $i = j$  and  $i \neq j$ .

- Case 2-1:  $\{p, q\} \cap \{1, 2\} = \emptyset$  and  $i = j$ . Then each term involving  $S$  is  $\mathbb{E}S_{i,1}^2 S_{i,2}^2 S_{i,p_1} S_{i,p_2} S_{i,q_1} S_{i,q_2}$ . This will produce 3 possible matches for  $\{p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2\} = \{p, q\}$ . which counting all indices will yields total  $3m(n-2)^2$  terms. However some of those terms will have  $p = q$ , which will produce  $m(n-2)\mathbb{E}S_{1,1}^4 \mathbb{E}Z_1^4$  which is of a smaller order. So total will be

$$3mn^2 + O(mn)$$

- Case 2-2:  $\{p, q\} \cap \{1, 2\} = \emptyset$  and  $i \neq j$ . In this case  $\{p_1 = q_1, p_2 = q_2\}$  must be true. That in total will produce  $(m^2 - m)[(n-2)^2 - (n-2)]$  terms which we excluded the cases when  $p = q$ . Then the cases of  $p = q$  in total are  $(m^2 - m)(n-2)$  of  $\mathbb{E}Z_1^4$ . In total

$$\begin{aligned} & (m^2 - m)[(n-2)^2 - (n-2)] + (m^2 - m)(n-2)\mathbb{E}Z_1^4 \\ &= m^2n^2 - mn^2 + (\mathbb{E}Z_1^4 - 5)m^2n + O(mn + m^2) \end{aligned}$$

Adding all the cases together we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_1^2 Y_2^2] = \frac{1}{(m^2 + mn)^2} [m^4 + 2m^3n + m^2n^2 + O(m^3 + m^2n + mn^2)] \quad (5.3)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{O(m^3 + m^2n + mn^2)}{(m^2 + mn)^2} \quad (5.4)$$

$$= 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m+n}\right) \rightarrow 1 \quad (5.5)$$



Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}[(Y_i^2 - 1)(Y_j^2 - 1)] = \frac{n^2 - n}{n^2} \mathbb{E}[Y_1^2 Y_2^2 - Y_1^2 - Y_2^2 + 1] \rightarrow 0$$

For the fourth moment, we will show  $\mathbb{E}Y_i^4 \rightarrow C < \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Y_1^4] &= \frac{1}{a_{n,m}^4} \mathbb{E}[(S_1^T S Z)^4] \\ &= \frac{1}{a_{n,m}^4} \sum \mathbb{E} S_{i_1,1} S_{i_1,p_1} S_{j_1,1} S_{j_1,q_1} Z_{p_1} Z_{q_1} \\ &\quad S_{i_2,1} S_{i_2,p_2} S_{j_2,1} S_{j_2,q_2} Z_{p_2} Z_{q_2} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the surviving terms are  $\{p_1 = q_1, p_2 = q_2, i_1 = j_1, i_2 = j_2\}$ ,  $\{p_1 = p_2, q_1 = q_2, i_1 = i_2, j_1 = j_2\}$  and  $\{p_1 = q_2, q_1 = p_2, i_1 = j_2, j_1 = i_2\}$  which in total will give  $3m^2n^2 + 3m^4 + 6m^3n + O(m^3 + m^2n + mn^2)$  where  $m^4$  comes from  $\{p_1 = q_1 = p_2 = q_2\} = 1$ , and  $m^3n$  comes from

$$\{p_1, q_1, p_2, q_2\} = \{1, q\}$$

Therefore

$$\mathbb{E}Y_i^4 = 3 + \frac{O(m^3 + m^2n + mn^2)}{(m^2 + mn)^2} = 3 + O\left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m+n}\right) \rightarrow 3$$

Lastly we shall apply Chebyshev's inequality.

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{1}{n} \sum Y_i^2 - 1\right| > \varepsilon\right) \leq \frac{1}{n^2 \varepsilon^2} \left[ \sum \mathbb{E}(Y_i^2 - 1)^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}(Y_i^2 - 1)(Y_j^2 - 1) \right] \rightarrow 0$$

□

Combing Lemma 13 with the product-CLT Theorem 1, we conclude:

**Theorem 3** (Random projection preserves product-independence). Given two independent random vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  $X = [X_1, \dots, X_n]^T$ ,  $Z = [Z_1, \dots, Z_n]^T$  with all  $X_i, Z_i$  independent with each other and  $\mathbb{E}X_i = \mathbb{E}Z_i = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}X_i^2 = \mathbb{E}Z_i^2 = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{E}|X_i|^3 \vee \mathbb{E}|Z_i|^3 < A < \infty$ . Consider a random matrix  $S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with entries  $\mathbb{E}S_{i,j} = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}S_{i,j}^2 = 1$ . Further assume  $\mathbb{E}S_{1,1}^8 \vee \mathbb{E}Z_1^4 < c < \infty$ , then we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2n + mn^2}} X^T S^T S Z \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{as } m, n \rightarrow \infty$$

Now we shall look at rate of convergence. Obtaining the exact rate of convergence is much harder usually since one has to compute the order of  $\mathbb{E}\left(1 \wedge \left|\sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n}} - 1\right|\right)$ , which is not practically computable if no further information given. However it is possible to carry out a relaxation of the condition (for example Proposition 11) to obtain an upper bound.

**Theorem 4** (Random projection invariance). Given the same moments assumption as in Theorem 3, the following bounds hold.

$$\sup_t \left| \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2n + mn^2}} X^T S^T S Z < t\right) - \mathbb{P}(G < t) \right| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right) \quad (5.6)$$

$$\sup_t \left| \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2n + mn^2}} X^T S^T S Z < t\right) - \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X^T Z < t\right) \right| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right) \quad (5.7)$$

**Proof:** We will start with relaxation. Since  $\left| \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n}} - 1 \right| \leq \left| \frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n} - 1 \right|$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left( 1 \wedge \left| \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n}} - 1 \right| \right) &\leq \mathbb{E} \left( 1 \wedge \left| \frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n} - 1 \right| \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n} - 1 \right| \right] \\ &\leq \sqrt{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n} - 1 \right)^2 \right]} \end{aligned}$$

The last step uses Jensen's inequality and  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  is concave. Notice,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n} - 1 \right)^2 \right] &= \frac{1}{n^2} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}(Y_k^2 - 1)^2 + \sum_{i \neq j}^n \mathbb{E}(Y_i^2 - 1)(Y_j^2 - 1) \right] \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + \frac{n^2 - n}{n^2} \mathbb{E}(Y_1^2 - 1)(Y_2^2 - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore computing a bound for the rate of convergence boils down to compute the order of  $\mathbb{E}(Y_1^2 - 1)(Y_2^2 - 1)$  explicitly which have already been computed in the proof of Lemma 13.

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_2^2] = \mathbb{E}[Y_1^2] = 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{m+n}\right)$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}Y_1^2 Y_2^2 = 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m+n}\right)$$

This implies

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_1^2 - 1)(Y_2^2 - 1) = O\left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m+n}\right)$$

So we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left( 1 \wedge \left| \sqrt{\frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n}} - 1 \right| \right) &\leq \sqrt{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{\sum Y_k^2}{n} - 1 \right)^2 \right]} \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Applying Theorem 2, we conclude 5.6. Then combining Berry-Esseen inequality 5.1 and triangle inequality, we obtain 5.7.  $\square$

## 5.2 Discussion and open questions

To have CLT result Theorem 3, it is essential the dimension of the projected space  $m$  diverges. Fixed  $m$  will not have a CLT.

For example, we let  $m = 1, n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then let  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be Gaussian vector,  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be Rademacher vector and let  $S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has Rademacher entries. Suppose all random variables are independent, then

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X^T Z = \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

which holds exactly without error. On the other hand

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2n + mn^2}} X^T S^T S Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \times \mathcal{N}'(0, 1) + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$$

that is the product of two independent standard Gaussian random variable. To see this is the case, note first  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X^T S^T$  is exactly standard Gaussian  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} S Z$  converges to another  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . The independence is due to the fact that Rademacher in  $S$  can be absorbed into  $X$  and  $Z$  so that we may replace all entries of  $S$  by constant 1's. Therefore the cdf of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X^T Z$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2n + mn^2}} X^T S^T S Z$  differ by  $O(1) = O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}})$ .

The bound 5.6 in general can not be improved if there is no additional assumption.  $O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$  is necessary as it is in Berry-Esseen.  $O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}})$  is necessary since the above example achieves the error rate.

On the other hand, it is not clear whether 5.7 can be improved. In some cases,  $O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$  is not necessary. For example, if we let  $m \rightarrow \infty, n = 1$ , then

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2n + mn^2}} X^T S^T S Z = \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m S_i^2 \right) X Z \rightarrow X Z$$

In the original Johnson-Lindenstrauss Lemma, the number of vectors  $k$  can be arbitrary ( $k \geq 2$ ) and the error has a factor  $\log k$ . In this work, we only discussed the case  $k = 2$ . It would be interesting to see if there is a  $\log k$  factor for invariance of  $k$  random vectors.

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