

# Integration and Rounding

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you know

we used annealing for volume computation.

$\int_K dx$  What about general logconcave

integration? Let  $\int f$  be the goal.

We can still use

$$\int f = \int f_0 \cdot \frac{\int f_1}{\int f_0} \cdots \frac{\int f_m}{\int f_{m-1}}$$

$f_m = f$  so is "easy".

We need some bounds on  $f$  similar to  
 $r B_n \subseteq K \subseteq R B_n$ .

$$(1) \mathbb{E}(\|x - x_0\|^2) \leq R^2$$

(2)  $L_f(1/8)$  contains a ball of radius  $r$ .

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But is it reasonable?

E.g. is it true for isotropic logconcave  $f$ ?

$$f \leftrightarrow \pi_f \quad \mathbb{E}_{\pi_f}(X) = 0 \quad \mathbb{E}_{\pi_f}(XX^T) = I$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\|X\|^2) = n.$$

We say that  $f$  or  $\pi_f$  is  $a$ -rounded if any level set of measure  $p$  contains a ball of radius  $ap$ .

Lemma 1. Isotropic logconcave  $f$  is  $\frac{1}{e}$ -rounded.

Thm 1. Hit-and-run mixes in  $\tilde{O}\left(n^2 \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right)$  steps for  $(r, R)$ -rounded  $f$  from  $\chi^2$ -warm start.

Thm 2. Ball walk mixes in  $\tilde{O}\left(n^2 \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right)$  from  $O(1)$ -warm start.

$$(n, m) \quad n^2 (n, n) \quad \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{1}{dQ_n} \right)^2$$

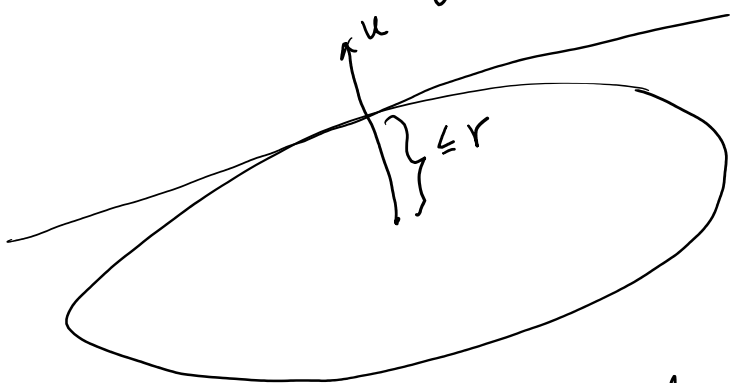
(Recall  $\chi^2(Q_0, Q) = \mathbb{E}_Q \left( \frac{dQ_0}{dQ} - 1 \right)^2$ )

M-wan start:  $\frac{dQ_0}{dQ} \leq M$

Pf (Lem 1)  $f$  isotropic <sup>density</sup>  $L$ : level set of  $f$  of measure  $p$ .

$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & x \in L \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$  restriction of  $f$  to  $L$ .

Suppose  $h$  does not contain a ball of radius  $r$  centered at mean of  $h$ . Then  $\exists u$  s.t. a supporting plane of  $L$  along  $u$  is at distance  $\leq r$ .



Consider projection of  $h$  along  $u$ .

$\int_{z_u \leq u \cdot x \leq r + z_u} h(x) \leq 1 \cdot r$   
 $\uparrow$   
max isotropic  $f$ .

But  $\int_{x \geq z_u} h(x) \geq \frac{1}{e} \int h(x) \Rightarrow r \geq \frac{p}{e}$ .

$$x \geq z_u$$

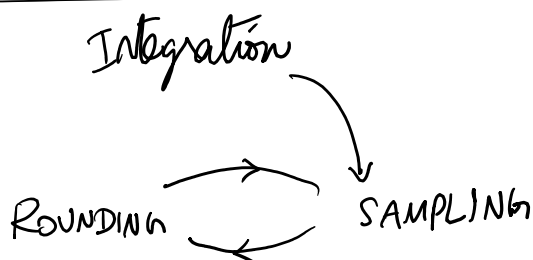
Rounding: Given oracle access to logconcave  $f$ , find affine transformation to put  $f$  in near-isotropic position.  $\left[ \frac{1}{C} \leq \mathbb{E}(u^T x)^2 \leq C \right]$

Thm.  $x^{(1)} \dots x^{(N)} \sim f$  logconcave in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  

$$\bar{z} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N x^{(j)} \quad A = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (x^{(j)} - \bar{z})(x^{(j)} - \bar{z})^T.$$

$$N = O\left(\frac{n}{\epsilon^2} \ln \frac{1}{\delta}\right), \text{ with prob. } \geq 1 - \delta$$

$$(1-\epsilon) \text{Cov } f \preceq A \preceq (1+\epsilon) \text{Cov}(f)$$



We can use the following unweaving to integrate  $f$ :

- Round  $f$  (near-isotropic)
- Restrict  $f$  to ball of radius  $c\sqrt{n}$ .  $K = \text{supp}(f) \cap B(0, c\sqrt{n})$
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$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} f_i(x) = f(x)^{a_i} \quad a_i = \frac{1}{B} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^i \\ B = \ln \left( \frac{\max_K f}{\min_K f} \right) \\ a_m = 1. \end{array} \right.$$

- # phases =  $\sqrt{n} \ln B$

# samples per phase =  $O\left(\frac{\sqrt{n} \ln B}{\epsilon^2}\right)$ .

How to sample?

$$M_f = \max f$$

$$t_k = \frac{M_f}{2^{(1+\frac{1}{n})^k}}$$

1. Put  $Z = \{x: f(x) \geq f(x_0)/2\}$  in near-isotropic position.

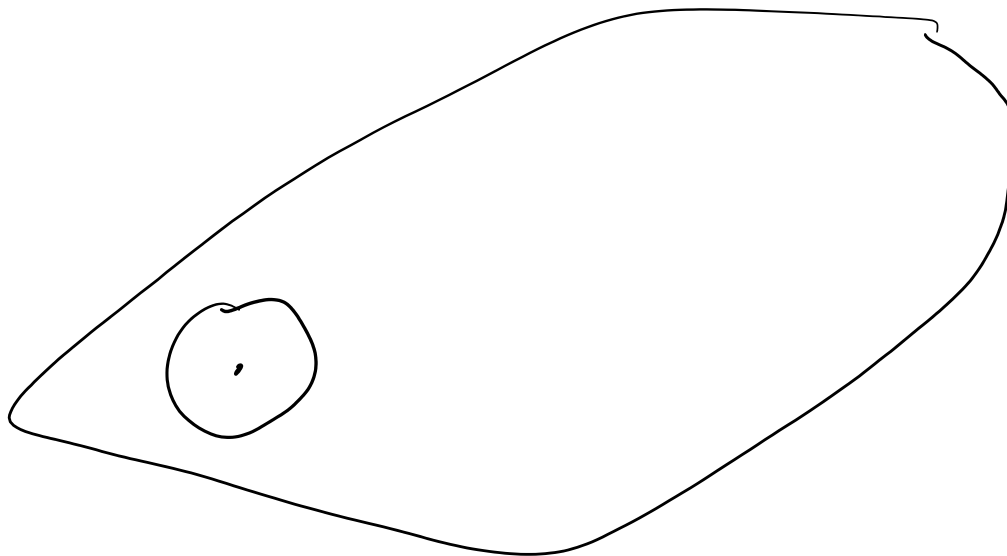
2. For  $k = 1, 2, \dots, C n \log n$

Put  $f$  restricted to  $\{x: f(x) \geq t_k\}$   
near-isotropic position  
- Sample from  $L(t_k)$

...,  $n^{-1/2}$

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- Estimate covariance  $C_k$ . Apply  $C_k^{-1/2}$ .

How to do (1)? Make  $K$  isotropic.



$$K_i = K \cap 2^{i/n} B.$$

Lemma 2. If  $K_i$  is  $(2-)$  isotropic, then  $K_{i+1}$  is  $(2^n)2$ -isotropic.

Need to show  $\forall u$

$$\mathbb{E}_{K_{i+1}}((u^T x)^2) = \frac{\int_{K_{i+1}} (u^T x)^2}{\text{Vol}(K_{i+1})} \geq \frac{\int_{K_i} (u^T x)^2}{2 \text{Vol}(K_i)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{1}{4}.$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{K_{i+1}}((u^T x)^2) = \frac{\int_{K_{i+1}} (u^T x)^2}{\text{Vol}(K_{i+1})} \leq \frac{\int_{2^{1/n} K_i} (u^T x)^2 dx}{2^{1/n} \text{Vol}(K_i)} \leq 2^{1+2/n} \frac{\int_{K_i} (u^T y)^2}{\text{Vol}(K_i)} \geq \frac{1}{4}.$$

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$$\frac{k_{i+1}}{\text{Vol}(K_{i+1})} = \frac{2^{1/n} k_i}{\text{Vol}(K_i)} \quad \frac{\text{Vol}(K_i)}{\text{Vol}(K_{i+1})} = 2^{-1/n} x$$

$$\leq 4.$$


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Lemma 3-  $0 < s < t \leq M_f$   
 $f_t$ : restriction of  $f$  to  $L_f(t)$ .  
 $f_t$  is isotropic  $\Rightarrow f_s$  is  $b$ -isotropic.

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Rounding:  $\tilde{O}(n)$  phases  
 $O(n)$  samples per phase  
 $\tilde{O}(n^2)$  per sample since  $f_i$  is isotropic and has  $O(1)$ -warm start.  
 $= \tilde{O}(n^4).$

Integration  $O(\sqrt{n})$  phases  
 $O(\sqrt{n})$  samples per phase  
 $O(n^3)$  per sample.  $f_i$  is "well rounded"  $\frac{R^2}{r^2} = O(n)$ .  
 $= n^4 (n^4)$

$$= O^*(n^4).$$

$$\sqrt{r^2}$$

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