# Asymptotic Approximation of Marginal Likelihood Integrals

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#### A Statistical Example

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Evans-Gilula-Guttman(1989) studied schizophrenic patients for connections between recovery time (in years Y) and frequency of visits by relatives.

	$2 \le Y < 10$	$10 \le Y < 20$	$20 \leq Y$	Totals
Regularly	43	16	3	62
Rarely	6	11	10	27
Never	9	18	16	43
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Proposed two statistical models to explain the data.

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#### Model 2: Hidden Variable Model

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e.g. for the first model,

$$Z_1 = \int_{\Delta_2} \int_{\Delta_2} a_1^{62} a_2^{27} a_3^{43} b_1^{58} b_2^{45} b_3^{29} da db$$

$$a = (a_1, a_2, a_3), b = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$$
  
 $\Delta_2 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_i \ge 0, \sum_i x_i = 1\}$ 

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- n sample size
- $\Omega$  compact and semianalytic

i.e.  $\Omega = \{\omega \in \mathbb{R}^d : g_1 \ge 0, \dots, g_l \ge 0\}$ ,  $g_i$  real analytic on  $\mathbb{R}^d$   $\varphi$  nearly analytic

i.e.  $\varphi=\varphi_s\varphi_a$ ,  $\varphi_s$  positive and smooth,  $\varphi_a$  real analytic on  $\Omega$   $p_i$  positive real analytic functions on  $\Omega$  summing to 1 q true distribution with  $q=p(\omega^*)$  for some  $\omega^*\in\Omega$ 

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$$Z(n) \approx (\prod_{i=1}^k q_i^{q_i})^n \cdot Cn^{-\lambda} (\log n)^{\theta-1}$$

In this talk, we want to compute  $(\lambda, \theta)$ . In machine learning,  $\lambda$  is called the *learning coefficient* of the statistical model and  $\theta$  its *multiplicity*.

## Statistical Learning Theory and Singularity Theory

### **Statistical Learning Theory**

Define 
$$Q(\omega) = ||p(\omega) - q||^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{k} (p_i(\omega) - q_i)^2$$
.

#### Theorem (Watanabe)

If  $(\lambda, \theta)$  is the learning coefficient and its multiplicity, then asymptotically

$$\int_{\Omega} e^{-nQ(\omega)} |\varphi(\omega)| d\omega \approx C n^{-\lambda} (\log n)^{\theta-1}$$

for some constant C.

### **Singularity Theory**

#### Theorem (Arnold-Gusein-Zade-Varchenko)

Let f be a real analytic function on  $\Omega$  with  $f(\omega^*) = 0$  for some  $\omega^* \in \Omega$ . If we have asymptotics

$$Z(n) = \int_{\Omega} e^{-n|f(\omega)|} |\varphi(\omega)| d\omega \approx Cn^{-\lambda} (\log n)^{\theta - 1},$$

then  $\lambda$  is the smallest pole of the zeta function

$$\zeta(z) = \int_{\Omega} |f(\omega)|^{-z} |\varphi(\omega)| d\omega, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$$

and  $\theta$  is the multiplicity of this pole.

### **Example: Monomial Functions**

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• Thus,  $\lambda = \min_{i} \left\{ \frac{\tau_i + 1}{\kappa_i} \right\}, \ \theta = \# \min_{i} \left\{ \frac{\tau_i + 1}{\kappa_i} \right\}$ 

where  $\# \min S$  is the number of times the minimum is attained in a set S.

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Thus, we can find the poles of the zeta function of any f, provided we have a resolution of singularities for f. Finding resolutions is generally a hard problem.

#### Marginal Likelihood Integral

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Laplace Integral of Sum of Squares

$$\int_{\Omega} e^{-n\sum_{i=1}^k (p_i(\omega)-q_i)^2} |\varphi(\omega)| d\omega$$
 
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$$\int \mu^{-\kappa z + \tau} d\mu$$

Hironaka

Zeta Function of Sum of Squares

$$(\lambda, \theta)$$
 is smallest pole of 
$$\zeta(z) = \int_{\Omega} |Q(\omega)|^{-z} |\varphi(\omega)| d\omega$$

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• Define  $\mathrm{RLCT}_{\Omega}(I;\varphi)=(\lambda,\theta)$  where  $\lambda$  is the smallest pole of  $\zeta(z)$  and  $\theta$  its multiplicity. If  $\zeta(z)$  does not have any poles, set  $(\lambda,\theta)=(\infty,d)$ .

Call  $\lambda$  the *real log canonical threshold* of  $(I; \varphi)$  on  $\Omega$ .

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where each  $\Omega_x$  is a sufficiently small nbhd of x in  $\Omega$ .

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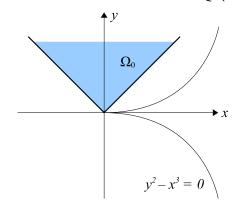
#### Important local properties:

- RLCT's depend on the boundary structure of  $\Omega_0$ .
- Formula for disjoint variables
- Formula for change of variables.

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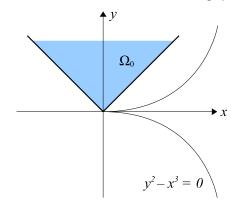


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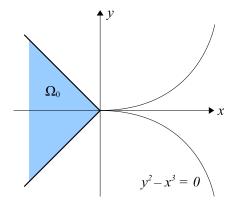
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$$\operatorname{RLCT}_{\Omega_0}(I;\varphi) = (\frac{5}{6}, 1)$$

### **Disjoint Variables**

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$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$$
 
$$y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

$$I_x = \langle f_1(x), \dots, f_r(x) \rangle$$
 
$$I_y = \langle g_1(y), \dots, g_s(y) \rangle$$

$$(\lambda_x, \theta_x) = \text{RLCT}_{X_0}(I_x; \varphi_x)$$
 
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#### **Proposition**

$$RLCT_{X_0 \times Y_0}(I_x + I_y; \varphi_x \varphi_y) = (\lambda_x + \lambda_y, \theta_x + \theta_y - 1)$$

$$RLCT_{X_0 \times Y_0}(I_x I_y; \varphi_x \varphi_y) = \begin{cases} (\lambda_x, \theta_x) & \text{if } \lambda_x < \lambda_y \\ (\lambda_y, \theta_y) & \text{if } \lambda_x > \lambda_y \\ (\lambda_x, \theta_x + \theta_y) & \text{if } \lambda_x = \lambda_y \end{cases}$$

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- $au=( au_1,\ldots, au_d)$  vector of non-negative integers The distance  $l_{ au}$  is the smallest t such that  $t\cdot( au_1+1,\ldots, au_d+1)\in\Gamma(I)$

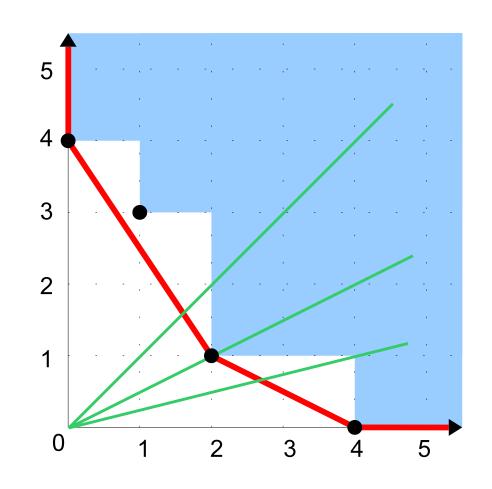
The *multiplicity*  $\theta_{\tau}$  is the codimension of the face of  $\Gamma(I)$  at this intersection.

#### **Example: Newton Polyhedra**

$$I = \langle x^4 + x^2y + xy^3 + y^4 \rangle$$
$$J = \langle x^4, x^2y, xy^3, y^4 \rangle$$

Both I,J have the same Newton polyhedron.

$$l_{(0,0)} = \frac{8}{5}, \theta_{(0,0)} = 1$$
$$l_{(1,0)} = 1, \theta_{(1,0)} = 2$$
$$l_{(3,0)} = \frac{2}{3}, \theta_{(3,0)} = 1$$



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#### Remark

Equality also holds for ideals which are nondegenerate (a term due to Varchenko).

Back to Schizophrenic Patients

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Let  $I = \langle p_{ij}(\omega + \omega^*) - p_{ij}(\omega^*) \rangle$  and  $\varphi = 1$ . We want to find  $\mathrm{RLCT}_{\Omega_{\omega^*}}(I;\varphi)$ .

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For 
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, we replace  $g_{ij}(\omega)$  with  $g_{ij}(\omega) - (d_j + d_j^*)g_{i0}(\omega) - (a_i + a_i^*)g_{0j}(\omega)$ 

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Expanding these polynomials, we get...

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Substitute  $b_i = \frac{b_i' - d_i(\frac{1}{2} - t)}{t + \frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $c_i = \frac{c_i' - a_i(t + \frac{1}{2})}{\frac{1}{2} - t}$ .

The Jacobian determinant of this change of variable is 16.

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#### **Open Questions**

- 1. The RLCT over  $\Omega$  is the minimum of RLCT's at  $x \in \Omega$ . How do we identify points with the minimum RLCT?
- 2. Is there a way to extend Newton polyhedra methods to cases where the origin is on the boundary of  $\Omega$ ?

Thank you for your kind attention:)

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