

## MEASURE CONCENTRATION

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### CLASSICAL BOUNDS:

- Concentration of measures relates to controlling the tail probability:  $P[x \geq t]$ ,  $x$  is a R.V.
- A standard way is to use higher order moments of the random variable  $x$
- Examples:  $\frac{\text{markov}}{\downarrow}$ ,  $\frac{\text{chebyshew}}{\downarrow}$ ,  $\frac{\text{chernoff}}{\downarrow}$ ,  $\frac{\text{M.G.F.}}{\downarrow}$   
 First              Second
- Hoeffding, Bernstein,  
 $\frac{\text{subgaussian}}{\downarrow}$ ,  $\frac{\text{subexponential}}{\downarrow}$

2. Markov inequality: Let  $x_{\gamma, 0}$  be a v.v. with finite mean. Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= \int_0^\infty x p(x) dx = \int_0^t x p(x) dx + \int_t^\infty x p(x) dx \\ &\geq \int_t^\infty x p(x) dx \geq t \int_t^\infty p(x) dx \\ &= t P[x \geq t] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P[x \geq t] \leq \frac{E(x)}{t} \quad \longrightarrow \text{(1)}$$

3. Chebyshew inequality: Let  $x$  be a v.v. with finite variance. Let  $\mu$  be the mean of  $x$  ( $\mu = E(x)$ ).

$$\text{Then, } |x - \mu| \geq t \Rightarrow (x - \mu)^2 \geq t^2$$

$$\text{By Markov: } P[(x - \mu)^2 \geq t^2] \leq \frac{E(x - \mu)^2}{t^2},$$

$$= \text{VAR}(x) / t^2 \rightarrow \text{(2)}$$

$$\therefore P[X \geq t] \leq \frac{Var(x)}{t^2} \text{ for all } t > 0. \quad (2)$$

#### 4. Examples of Markov

- 1) A coin falls head with probability  $p = 0.2$  Toss it 20 times. What is the bound on the probability that it falls head at least 16 times?

Ans: Binomial distribution:

$$E(X) = 0 * 0.8 + 1 * 0.2 = 0.2 = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$E[X=20, H] = np = 20 * \frac{1}{5} = 4$$

$$\text{Markov: } P[X \geq 16] \leq \frac{E(X)}{16} = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Actual probability: } = \sum_{k=16}^{20} \binom{20}{k} p^k q^{20-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=16}^{20} \binom{20}{k} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^k \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{20-k} \approx 1.38 * 10^{-18}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Markov bound is a loose bound.

- 2) Consider  $X = 0$  with  $p = \frac{24}{25}$

$$= 5 \text{ with } q = \frac{1}{25}$$

$$E(X) = 0 * \frac{24}{25} + 5 * \frac{1}{25} = \frac{5}{25} = \frac{1}{5}$$

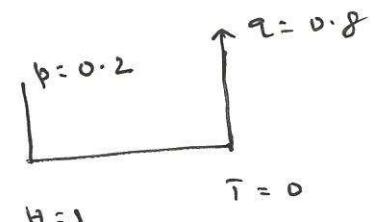
$$\text{Markov: } P[X \geq 5] \leq \frac{E(X)}{5} = \frac{1}{25}$$

This is exact and hence there exists distribution for which Markov is tight.

- 3) Consider  $X = 0$  with Prob =  $1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$

$$= k \text{ with Prob} = \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$E(X) = 0 * \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2}\right) + k * \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{k}$$



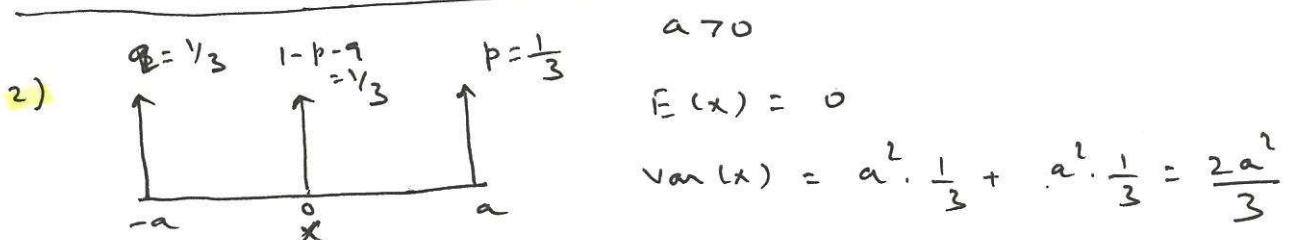
(3)

$$\text{Markov: } P[x \geq k] \leq \frac{E(x)}{k} = \frac{1}{k^2} \Rightarrow \text{Exact}$$

### 5. Example Chebyshen

- 1)  $P[x = 0] = \frac{0.8}{4/5}, \quad P[x = 1] = \frac{0.2}{1/5}$   
 $E(x) = 0 * 0.8 + 1 * 0.2 = 0.2 = \frac{1}{5} = p$   
 $\text{Var}(x) = (0 - \frac{1}{5})^2 * \frac{4}{5} + (1 - \frac{1}{5})^2 * \frac{1}{5}$   
 $= \frac{1}{25} * \frac{4}{5} + \frac{16}{25} * \frac{1}{5} = \frac{20}{25 * 5} = \frac{4}{25} = pq$   
 $\text{Var}(x=20) = npq = 20 * \frac{4}{25} * \frac{1}{5} = \frac{16}{25}$   
 $\text{chebyshen: } P[x \geq 16] = P[x - E(x) \geq 12]$   
 $= P[x - \frac{1}{5} \geq 12]$   
 $\leq \frac{\text{Var}(x=20)}{(12)^2}$   
 $= \frac{\frac{16}{25}}{\frac{144}{25}} = \frac{1}{45}$   
 $= \underline{\underline{0.02222}}$

$\Rightarrow$  Better than Markov.



$$P[1 \times 17, t] \leq \frac{\text{Var}(x)}{t^2} = \frac{2a^2}{3t^2}$$

$$P[1 \times 17, a] \leq \frac{2 \cdot a^2}{3 \cdot a^2} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \boxed{\text{X}} \quad \text{X} \text{ is wrong}$$

Note:- Markov and Chebyshen are tight and cannot be improved.

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6. Extensions: use higher order moments. (4)

- Apply Markov to  $|x - \mu|^k$  to get

$$P[|x - \mu| \geq t] = P[|x - \mu|^k \geq t^k] \leq \frac{E(|x - \mu|^k)}{t^k} \text{ for } t > 0 \rightarrow (3)$$

- This is based on  $k^{\text{th}}$  central moment
- We can use a polynomial function of  $|x - \mu|^k$
- We can use moment generating function (MGF)

- Let  $x$  be a r.v. with MGF in the neighborhood of the origin. That is:  $\exists b > 0$ :

$$\phi(\lambda) = E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}]$$

exists for all  $\lambda \in [0, b]$ , ~~for all~~

- Apply Markov to  $y = e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}$  to get

$$P[|x - \mu| \geq t] = P[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)} \geq e^{\lambda t}] \leq \frac{E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}]}{e^{\lambda t}} \rightarrow (4)$$

- By optimizing w.r.t.  $\lambda \in [0, b]$ , we obtain Chernoff bound - a tight bound:

$$\log P[|x - \mu| \geq t] \leq -\sup_{0 \leq \lambda \leq b} [\lambda t - \log E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}]] \rightarrow (5)$$

Note:- The moment-bound in (3) is never worse than ~~(4)~~. (5)

- But Chernoff is easy analytically.

### 7. Chernoff-bound for Gaussian r.v.

Let  $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{\lambda x}] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\lambda x} \cdot e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\left[ \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} + \lambda x \right]} dx \end{aligned}$$

Expressing the exponent as a perfect square and simplifying, verify that (Home work)

M.G.F  $\rightarrow E[e^{\lambda x}] = e^{(\mu\lambda + \frac{\sigma^2\lambda^2}{2})} \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (6)$

Apply (5) :

$$\sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} [\lambda t - \log E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}]]$$

$$= \sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \left[ \lambda t - \frac{\sigma^2 \lambda^2}{2} \right] \left[ \text{since } E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] = e^{\frac{\sigma^2 \lambda^2}{2}} \right]$$

Verify: Home work

$$= \left[ \frac{t^2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2\sigma^4} \right]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{t^2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] = \frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left[ \lambda t - \frac{\sigma^2 \lambda^2}{2} \right] \\ = t - \sigma^2 \lambda = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{t}{\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  By (5)

$$P[x \geq \mu + t] \leq e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} \rightarrow (7)$$

Upper Deviation inequality

This bound is sharp up to a polynomial factor.

Tail bounds obtained using Chernoff method depends on the growth rate of M.G.F.

### 8. Sub Gaussian Variables : (i) definition

- A r.v.  $X$  with mean  $\mu = E(X)$  is called sub Gaussian (SG), if  $\exists \sigma > 0 : \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
- $$E[e^{\lambda(X-\mu)}] \leq e^{\frac{\sigma^2 \lambda^2}{2}} \longrightarrow (8)$$
- $\sigma > 0$  is called sub gaussian parameter
  - If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then clearly  $X$  is SG
  - By symmetry,  $-X$  is sub Gaussian iff  $X$  is.  
Thus, we get a lower deviation inequality.
  - Combining : For any SG r.v., we get the concentration inequality :
- Concentration
- $$\rightarrow P[|X - \mu| \geq t] \leq 2e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}}, t \in \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow (9)$$
- A large family of r.v. are sub Gaussian.

9). Examples: Let  $X$  be r.v. such that-

1)  $P[X=1] = P[X=-1] = \frac{1}{2}$

called Rademacher variable.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[e^{\lambda X}] &= \frac{1}{2} [e^{-\lambda} + e^{\lambda}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\lambda)^k}{k!} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{2k}}{(2k)!} \\
 &\leq 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{2k}}{2^k \cdot k!} \quad (\because (2k)! \leq 2^k \cdot k!) \\
 &= e^{\frac{\lambda^2}{2}}. \quad \longrightarrow (10)
 \end{aligned}$$

(7)

. That is  $x$  is SG with  $\sigma = 1$ .

2) Any bounded r.v. is SG:

Let  $x \in [a, b]$  with zero mean. Let  $y$  be a copy of  $x$  - independent copy

$$E_x [e^{\lambda x}] = E_x [e^{\lambda (x - E_y(y))}]$$

$$\leq E_{x,y} [e^{\lambda (x-y)}] \rightarrow (11)$$

. follows from Convexity of  $\exp$  and Jensen's inequality: If  $f$  is convex:

$$\{ f(\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2) \leq \alpha f(x_1) + (1-\alpha)f(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(E(x)) \leq E[f(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\lambda (x - E_y(y))} \leq E_y [e^{\lambda (x-y)}] \Rightarrow (12)$$

- Symmetrization
- Let  $z$  be an independent Rademacher variable.
  - Then, the distribution of  $(x-y)$  is the same as  $z(x-y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E_{x,y} [e^{\lambda (x-y)}] &= E_{x,y} [E_z e^{\lambda z(x-y)}] \\ &\leq E_{x,y} [e^{\frac{\lambda^2 (x-y)^2}{2}}] \rightarrow (13) \end{aligned}$$

where we keep  $x, y$  fixed and use (10) with  $\lambda$  replaced by  $\lambda(x-y)$ .

. Recall  $|x-y| \leq (b-a)$  and we set

$$E_{x,y} [e^{\frac{\lambda^2 (x-y)^2}{2}}] \leq e^{\frac{\lambda^2 (b-a)^2}{2}} \rightarrow (14)$$

(ii)  $x$  is SG with  $\sigma = (b-a)$

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3) Property: If  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are independent sub-Gaussian with parameters  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$ , then  $x_1 + x_2$  is sub Gaussian with parameter  $\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$ .  
 (Home work)

9. Hoeffding Inequality: Sum of independent SG

r.v.s: Let  $x_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  be independent r.v.s with mean,  $E(x_i) = \mu_i$  and are sub Gaussian with parameters  $\sigma_i^2, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then for all  $t \geq 0$

$$P\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_i) \geq t\right] \leq \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}\right) \rightarrow (15)$$

This is often stated for the special case of bounded r.v.. If  $x_i \in [a, b], 1 \leq i \leq n$ , then

$$P\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_i) \geq t\right] \leq e^{-\frac{t^2}{2n(b-a)^2}} \rightarrow (16)$$

10. Equivalent characterization of SG r.v.

Theorem: Let  $x$  be a zero mean r.v.. Then the following are equivalent:

$$1) \exists \sigma > 0 : E[e^{\lambda x}] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2}}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$2) \exists C > 1 \text{ and } Z \sim N(0, \sigma^2) : P(|x| \geq \lambda) \leq C P(|Z| \geq \lambda), \forall \lambda > 0$$

$$3) \exists \theta > 0 : E[x^{2k}] = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k k!} \theta^{2k}, k=1,2,\dots$$

Note: (1) is the definition of SG. (2) follows from SG is dominated by G. (3) gives control over moments.

$$4) E\left[e^{\frac{\lambda x^2}{2\sigma^2}}\right] \leq \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \quad \text{for } \lambda \in [0, 1)$$

Proof: Refer to chapter 2  
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11) Sub-exponential r.v.

- The concept of SG is restrictive:  $\sigma > 0$  and  $E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] \leq e^{-\frac{\sigma^2\lambda^2}{2}} \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

- Relaxing the condition on  $\lambda$  gives raise to a new class called Sub-Exponential (SE) Variables.

Definition: A r.v.  $x$  is SE with mean  $\mu$  if

3 non-negative parameters ( $a, b$ ):  $b > 0$

$$E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] \leq e^{\frac{a^2\lambda^2}{2}} \text{ for } |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{b} \rightarrow (17)$$

Special case

- Setting  $a = \sigma$  and  $b = 0 \Rightarrow |\lambda| \leq \infty \ (\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R})$  and hence SG is SE but not vice versa

12) Example SE that is not an SG.

Let  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $x = z^2$ . For  $\lambda < \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\lambda(z^2-1)} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{\sqrt{1-2\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  For  $\lambda > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $x$  is not SG.

Note: Existence of MGF near the mean is actually equivalent to the definition of SE family

$$\text{To Verify: } \frac{-\lambda}{\sqrt{1-2\lambda}} \leq e^{\frac{2\lambda^2}{2}} = e^{\frac{4\lambda^2}{2}} \text{ for } |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

which shows that  $x$  is SE with parameters  $(2, 4)$ .

As with SG, the control on MGF which when combined with Chernoff, yield deviation and concentration inequalities for SE family.

(13) Sub Exponential tail. Let  $x$  be SE r.v. with  $(\gamma, b)$  as parameters. Then

$$P[x \geq \mu + t] \leq \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\gamma^2}} & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\gamma^2}{b} \\ e^{-\frac{t}{2b}} & \text{for } t > \frac{\gamma^2}{b} \end{cases} \rightarrow (18)$$

That is, for  $t$  small, the bound is SG in nature with quadratic  $t$ , but for larger  $t$  the exponent in the bound scales linearly in  $t$ .

By symmetry:

$$P[|x - \mu| \geq t] \leq \begin{cases} 2e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\gamma^2}} & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\gamma^2}{b} \\ 2e^{-\frac{t}{2b}} & \text{for } t > \frac{\gamma^2}{b} \end{cases} \rightarrow (19)$$

Proof: Assume centering and  $\mu = 0$  and follow Chernoff:

Combine the definition of SE in (17) and Markov:

$$\begin{aligned} P[x \geq t] &= \cancel{P[e^{\lambda x} \geq e^{\lambda t}]} \\ &\leq \frac{E[e^{\lambda x}]}{e^{\lambda t}} = e^{-\lambda t} E[e^{\lambda x}] \\ &= e^{-\lambda t} \cdot e^{\frac{\gamma^2 \lambda^2}{2}} \quad (\because (17) \text{ used}) \\ &= e^{g(\lambda, t)} \quad \text{for } \lambda \in [0, \frac{1}{b}] \end{aligned}$$

where  $g(\lambda, t) = \frac{\gamma^2 \lambda^2}{2} - \lambda t$

- (1)
- unconstrained min. of  $g(\lambda, t)$  occurs at  $\lambda^* = \frac{t}{\sigma^2}$  for each fixed  $t \geq 0$ .
  - For  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{b} \Rightarrow$  it is also constrained min (since  $0 \leq \lambda^* \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{b} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{b}$ ) and  $g^*(t) = -\frac{t}{2\sigma^2}$
  - For  $t \geq \frac{\sigma^2}{b}$ ,  $g(\cdot, t)$  is monotonically decreasing in  $[0, \lambda^*]$  and the constrained min. occurs at the boundary point  $\lambda^* = \frac{1}{b}$ .
  - Then  $g^*(t) = g(\lambda^*, t) = -\frac{t}{b} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2b^2}$   
 $\leq -\frac{t}{2\sigma^2}$  for  $t \geq \frac{\sigma^2}{b}$ .

(4) Note: An example in section 12, SE property can be verified by explicit computing or bounding MGF.

- If this becomes difficult, the alternative is to control on the polynomial of the moments of  $x$ .
- or if  $\mu$  is here Bernstein's condition becomes handy.

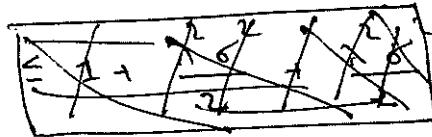
14 Bernstein's Condition: with parameter  $b$   
 holds if  $\mu = E(x)$ ,  $\sigma^2 = E(x-\mu)^2$  and

$$|E(x-\mu)^k| \leq \frac{1}{2} k! \sigma^2 b^{k-2} \rightarrow (20)$$

- A sufficient condition is that  $x$  is bounded.

- Using this we can get sharper bounds and is applicable for unbounded r.v. Hence, its wide applicability.
- Let  $(x, \mu, \sigma^2)$  satisfy Bernstein's Condition with parameter  $b$ . Then, [expanding  $e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}$ ]

$$E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] = 1 + \frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2} + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} E(x-\mu)^k$$



Bernstein bound → But  $E[(x-\mu)^k] \leq \frac{1}{2} k! \sigma^2 b^{k-2}$ ,  $k=3, 4, \dots$

$$\Rightarrow E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] \leq 1 + \frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2} \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} [|\lambda| b]^{k-2}$$

• For  $|\lambda| < \frac{1}{b}$ , sum of the geometric series gives

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] &\leq 1 + \frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2 / 2}{1 - b |\lambda|} \\ &\leq e^{\frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2 / 2}{1 - b |\lambda|}} \quad (\because 1+t \leq e^t) \end{aligned}$$

• Hence

$$E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] \leq e^{\frac{\lambda^2 (2\sigma)^2}{2}} \quad \forall \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2b} \rightarrow (21)$$

Note:  $\frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2(1-b|\lambda|)} \leq \frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-b \cdot \frac{1}{2b}} = \frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2} \cdot 2$

$$= \frac{\lambda^2 (2\sigma)^2}{2}$$

⇒  $x$  is SE with  $(\gamma, b) = (\sqrt{2}, 2b)$

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 15) Bernstein type bound: for any r.v. satisfying Bernstein conditions (20), we have

$$E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] \leq e^{\frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2/2}{1-b|\lambda|}} \text{ for } |\lambda| < \frac{1}{b}$$

and tail bound

$$P[|x-\mu| \geq t] \leq 2e^{-\frac{t^2}{2(\sigma^2 + bt)}} \text{ for } t \geq 0 \quad \rightarrow (22)$$

$\rightarrow (23)$

Note: (22) was proved above. Using this bound on maf, tail bound in (23) follows by setting  $\lambda = \frac{t}{bt+\sigma^2} \in [0, \frac{1}{b}]$  in the Chernoff bound and simplifying - Home work.

16) Note on the applicability: consequences for bounded r.v.:  $|x-\mu| \leq b$

First: use boundedness to show that  $x$  is SG with parameter  $b$  and apply Hoeffding in Section 9

Second: show that bounded r.v. satisfy Bernstein condition and above bound in section 15. This tail bound shows that for small  $t$ ,  $x$  is SG with parameter  $\sigma$  as opposed to  $b$  that would arise in Hoeffding.

Since  $\sigma^2 = E(x-\mu)^2 \leq b^2$ , this bound is never worse. For  $\sigma^2 < b^2$ , it is better. This happens when the r.v. takes large values occasionally with small variance.

17) Closure property for SE: SE property is preserved under addition of independent

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r.v. with parameters transform in a simple way.

- Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of  $n \xrightarrow{\text{i.i.d.}}$  SE r.v. with  $(\gamma_n, b_n)$  and  $\mu_n = E(x_n)$  as parameters

Then, MAF. is

$$E \left[ e^{\gamma \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - \mu_k)} \right] = \prod_{k=1}^n E \left[ e^{\gamma(x_k - \mu_k)} \right]$$

$$\leq \prod_{k=1}^n e^{\gamma^2 \nu_k^2 / 2}$$

for  $|\gamma| \leq \max_n \left\{ \frac{1}{b_n} \right\}$  where independence and defn. of SE r.v. are used.

- That is,  $\sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - \mu_k)$  is SE with  $(\nu_x, b_x)$

$$b_x = \max_n \{b_n\} \text{ and } \nu_x = \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \nu_k^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

- using the result in Section (13): we get the tail bound:

$$P \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - \mu_k) > t \right] \leq \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{n t^2}{2 \nu_x}}, & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\nu_x}{b_x} \\ e^{-\frac{n t}{2 b_x}}, & t > \frac{\nu_x}{b_x} \end{cases}$$

$\rightarrow (24)$

### 18) Example: $\chi^2$ -Variables

- $z_k \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m$  are i.i.d.

$b_k = 4$   
for all  $k$

$\nu_k = 2 z_{k/2}$   
 $= \sqrt{\frac{\sum z_k^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{(4n^2)^{1/2}}{n}} = 2 \sqrt{n}$

$$Y = \sum_{k=1}^m z_k^2 \sim \chi_m^2$$

As in Example in Section (12):  $Y$  is SE with  $(\kappa, b) = (2\sqrt{n}, 4)$ .

Hence

$$P \left[ \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (z_k^2 - 1) \right| > t \right] \leq 2 e^{-\frac{n t^2}{8}} \quad \forall t \in (0, 2)$$

$\rightarrow (25)$

19) Johnson-Lindenstrauss embedding:

*d-guest dimension*

- Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N\} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  where  $d$  is large
- (ii) All objects in d-dimensional space.
- For large  $d$ , it requires too much space to store the data
- Seek a map  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $n \ll d$  that preserves the essential features of the data by storing only  $\{f(u_1), f(u_2), \dots, f(u_N)\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- One goal is to preserve the pairwise distances and interested in  $F$ :

$$(u_i \neq u_j) \quad (1-\delta) \|u_i - u_j\|_2^2 \leq (\|f(u_i) - f(u_j)\|)^2 \leq (1+\delta) \|u_i - u_j\|_2^2$$

$\rightarrow (26)$

for some  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  with  $n \ll d$ .

- (26) is called near isometric embedding.
- Solution: we can realize (26) with large probability so long as  $m = \Omega\left(\frac{\log N}{\delta^2}\right)$  and scales logarithmically as the number of points and does not depend on ambient dimension d.

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Proof: Form  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$  with  $x_{ij} \sim N(0, 1)$  <sup>iid.</sup>

and define  $F: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  as  $F(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \mathbf{X}\mathbf{u}$ .

- Let  $x_i$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{u} \neq 0$ .
- Since  $x_i \sim N(0, I_d)$ ,  $\langle x_i, \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2} \rangle$  which is a linear combination of  $x_{ij}$  with components of the unit vector  $\frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2}$  is clearly  $N(0, 1)$   
(Verify: Homework)

- Define  $\gamma = \frac{\|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{u}\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2}$  ~~is a scalar~~

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m \left\langle x_i, \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2} \right\rangle^2$$

$$\sim \chi_m^2 \quad (\text{Verify: Homework})$$

- Apply tail bound in (25) in Section 18.

$$P \left[ \left| \frac{\|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{u}\|_2^2}{m\|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2} - 1 \right| \geq \delta \right] \leq 2e^{-\frac{m\delta^2}{8}} \text{ for } \delta \in (0, 1)$$

- From the definition of  $F$  and rearranging:

$$P \left[ \left| \frac{\|F(\mathbf{u})\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2} - 1 \right| \geq \delta \right] \leq 2e^{-\frac{m\delta^2}{8}} \text{ for } \delta \in (0, 1)$$

and for  $\mathbf{u} \neq 0$  and  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

- There  $\binom{N}{2} = \frac{N(N-1)}{2}$  pairs of data points,  
and by union bound:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P\left[\frac{\|F(u_i - u_j)\|_2^2}{\|u_i - u_j\|_2^2} \notin [1-\delta, 1+\delta]\right] &\leq 2 \binom{N}{2} e^{-\frac{m\delta^2}{8}} \quad (17) \\
 &\leq 2 \cdot \frac{N(N-1)}{2} e^{-\frac{m\delta^2}{8}} \\
 &\leq N^2 e^{-\frac{m\delta^2}{8}} \leq \varepsilon^2
 \end{aligned}$$

when  $\varepsilon^2 \geq N^2 e^{-\frac{m\delta^2}{8}}$

$$\log \varepsilon^2 \geq 2 \log N - m \frac{\delta^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \frac{\delta^2}{8} \geq 2 \log N - \log \varepsilon^2 = 2 \log(N/\varepsilon)$$

$$\therefore m \geq \frac{16}{\delta^2} \log(N/\varepsilon) = \Omega\left(\frac{\log N}{\delta^2}\right)$$

## 20) Properties of S.E. Variables

Let  $X$  be S.E. variable with  $E(X)=0$ . Then the

following are equivalent.

$$1) \exists (\nu, b) : E[e^{\lambda X}] \leq e^{\frac{\nu \lambda^2}{2}} \text{ for } |\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{b}$$

$$2) \exists c_0 > 0 : E[e^{\lambda X}] < \infty \quad \forall |\lambda| \leq c_0$$

$$3) \exists c_1, c_2 > 0 : P[|X| > t] \leq c_1 e^{-c_2 t}, \quad t > 0$$

$$4) \gamma = \sup_{k \geq 2} \left( \frac{E(X^k)}{k!} \right)^{1/k} \text{ is finite}$$

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## Lipschitz functions of Gaussian variables:

- Exhibit attractive form of dimension-free concentration
- $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $L$ -Lipschitz w.r.t.  $2$ -norm:
- $\|f(x) - f(y)\|_2 \leq L \|x - y\|_2 ; x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow$
- claim: This function is subgaussian with parameter at most  $L$ .

Thm 2.26: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $x \sim N(0, I_n)$  and  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $L$ -Lipschitz as in (1) above. Then  $\gamma = f(x) - \mathbb{E}(f(x))$  is ~~SG~~ SG with parameter at most  $L$ , and

$$P(|f(x) - \mathbb{E}(f(x))| \geq t) \leq 2 e^{-\frac{t^2}{2L}} \text{ for } t \geq 0 \rightarrow (2)$$

Note: It is remarkable that  $L$ -Lipschitz on  
of standard Gaussian vector, regardless  
of the dimension  $n$  of  $x$ , exhibits concentration  
like a scalar Gaussian variable with  
variance  $L^2$ .

Proof: Prove a weaker result for both  
Lipschitz + differentiable (since Lipschitz  
functions are differentiable almost everywhere)  
functions. We need a lemma

Lemma 2.27: Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$   
and  $\phi$  be a convex fn.  $\Phi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$$E \left[ \phi \left[ \underbrace{f(x) - E(f(x))}_{\text{for } x, y \sim N(0, I_n)} \right] \right] \leq E \left[ \phi \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} < \nabla f(x), y \right] \right]^2 \rightarrow (3)$$

for  $x, y \sim N(0, I_n)$  and are independent.

Proof of Theorem:

Lemma 2.27  
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Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  be fixed, apply (3) to the convex fn.  $t \mapsto \exp(\lambda t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} E_x \left[ \exp \left( \lambda \left[ f(x) - E(f(x)) \right] \right) \right] &\quad \boxed{x, y \text{ are iid}} \\ &\leq E_x \left[ \exp \left( \frac{\lambda \pi}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n y_k \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) \right] \\ &= E_x \left[ E_y \left[ \exp \left( \frac{\lambda \pi}{2} \sum_k y_k \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) \right] \right] \\ &= E_x \left[ \prod_{k=1}^n E_{y_k} \left[ \exp \left( \frac{\lambda \pi}{2} y_k \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

But  $y_k \sim N(0, 1)$

set  $\lambda = \left( \frac{\lambda \pi}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow E_{y_k} \left[ \exp \left( \frac{\lambda \pi}{2} y_k \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) \right] = \exp \left[ \frac{\lambda^2 \pi^2}{8} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\therefore E \left[ \exp \left[ \lambda \left( f(x) - E(f(x)) \right) \right] \right]$$

$$\leq E \left[ e^{\frac{\lambda^2 \pi^2}{8} \| \nabla f(x_k) \|^2_2} \right]$$

$$\leq e^{\frac{1}{8} \lambda^2 \pi^2 L^2} \quad \left[ \because \| \nabla f(x) \|_2^2 \leq L^2 \right]$$

$\therefore$   $[f(x) - E(f(x))]$  is SG with parameter  $\frac{\pi^2 L}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow P \left[ \| f(x) - E(f(x)) \|_2 \geq t \right] \leq 2 \exp \left[ - \frac{2t^2}{\pi^2 L} \right] \quad (\text{Hoeffding})$$

$y \sim N(0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{y^2}] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{y^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2} dy \\ &= e^{\frac{\pi^2}{8}} \end{aligned}$$

$P[|x - \mu| \geq r] \leq 2e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

SG. with parameter  $\frac{\pi^2 L}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{\lambda(x - \mu)}] &\leq e^{\frac{\lambda^2 \pi^2 L^2}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

### Proof of lemma 2.27:

- Based on interpolation method exploiting rotation invariance of Gaussian
- For  $\theta \in [0, \pi/2]$ , define  $z(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with components:  $x_k, y_k \sim N(0, 1)$  iid

$$z_k(\theta) = x_k \cos \theta + y_k \sin \theta \quad 1 \leq k \leq n$$

- Let  $z_n(\theta), z'_n(\theta)$  for all  $\theta \in [0, \pi/2]$  be a jointly Gaussian pair with zero mean and covariance =  $I_2$

- $\phi$  is Convex:  $\Rightarrow$

$$E_x [\phi(f(x) - E_y f(y))] \leq E_{x,y} [\phi(f(x) - f(y))] \rightarrow (2.41)$$

- $z_n(\theta) = y_n, z_n(\pi/2) = x_n \quad \text{for } 1 \leq n \leq n$

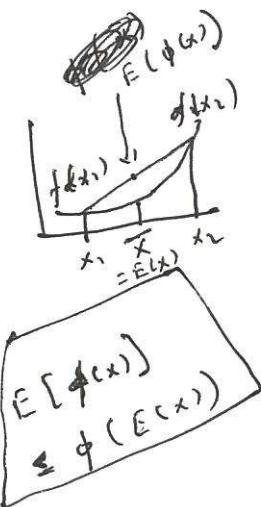
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(x) - f(y) &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d}{d\theta} f(z(\theta)) d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \langle \nabla f(z(\theta)), z'(\theta) \rangle d\theta \end{aligned}$$

*element-wise derivative*  $\rightarrow (2.42)$

- Writing (2.42) in (2.41)

$$\begin{aligned} E_x [\phi(f(x) - E_y f(y))] &\leq E_{x,y} [\phi \left( \int_0^{\pi/2} \langle \nabla f(z(\theta)), z'(\theta) \rangle d\theta \right)] \\ &= E_{x,y} [\phi \left( \frac{1}{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \langle \nabla f(z(\theta)), z'(\theta) \rangle d\theta \right)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} E_{x,y} [\phi (\langle \nabla f(z(\theta)), z'(\theta) \rangle)] d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow (2.43)$



(4)

- Since  $(z_n(\theta), z'_n(\theta)) \sim N(0, I_2)$  for all  $\theta$ ,  
The expectation does not depend on  $\theta$ .

Hence  $\pi/2$

$$\frac{1}{\pi/2} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} E_{x,y} [\phi(\frac{\pi}{2} < \gamma_f(z(\theta)), z'(\theta))] d\theta \\ = E[\phi(\frac{\pi}{2} < \gamma_f(\tilde{x}), \tilde{y})]$$

where  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}$  are i.i.d  $N(0, 1)$  Hence the claim.

Note: A similar concentration result holds good for non-Gaussian dist - uniform distribution on  $S^n$  and strictly  $\log$ -concave distribution. Refer chapter 3:

- But for dim. free concentration bounds for Lipschitz  $f_m$  we need additional conditions (e.g. convexity) for arbitrary s.a. distributions.

### Applications:

Example 2.28:  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $z_n \sim \text{i.i.d } N(0, 1)$

S.E.

$$y = \sum z_k \sim N(0, n)$$

- To get tail bound:  $z_n$  is S.E. and use independence as in the example above.

Lipschitz

- Alternate route: via Lipschitz functions of Gaussian r.v.
- Let  $V = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} \sum z_k \Rightarrow V = \frac{\|z\|_2}{\sqrt{n}}$
- Euclidean norm is 1-Lipschitz fnc.

(5)

By Thm 2.26:

$$P[\underbrace{Y \geq E(Y) + \delta}_{\sqrt{n} \geq E(Y) + \delta} \geq \delta] \leq \exp\left[-\frac{n\delta^2}{2}\right]$$

• By convexity of  $\sqrt{\cdot}$  & Jensen's inequality:

$$E(Y) \leq \sqrt{E(Y^2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum E(Z_k^2)$$

$$= 1 (\because E(Z_k^2) = 1)$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2 \geq 0$$

$$E(Y^2) \geq E^2(Y)$$

$$E(Y) \leq [E(Y^2)]^{1/2}$$

• From  $Y = \frac{\sqrt{Y}}{\sqrt{n}}$ , putting all pieces together:

$$P\left[\frac{Y}{n} \geq (1+\delta)^2\right] \leq \exp\left[-\frac{n\delta^2}{2}\right], \forall \delta \geq 0$$

$$(1+\delta)^2 = 1 + 2\delta + \delta^2 \leq 1 + 3\delta \quad \forall \delta \in [0, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow P[Y \geq n(1+t)] \leq \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{18}\right)$$

$$\text{where } t = 3\delta$$

$$\forall t \in [0, 3] \rightarrow (2.44)$$

Note: Compare this (2.44) with the one in earlier example using SE argument.

$$P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n}(\sum Z_k^2 - 1)\right| \geq t\right] \leq 2 e^{-\frac{nt^2}{8}} \quad \forall t \in (0, 1)$$

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Ex 2.11