

# MEASURE CONCENTRATION

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## 1. 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: Markov, Chebyshev, Chernoff  
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                    First                Second            M.G.F

Hoeffding, Bernstein,  
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                    sub gaussian    subexponential

2. Markov inequality: Let  $X \geq 0$  be a r.v. with finite mean. Then

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

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

3. Chebyshev inequality: Let  $X$  be a r.v. with finite variance. Let  $\mu$  be the mean of  $X$  (i.e.  $\mu = E(X)$ ).

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By Markov: } P[(X - \mu)^2 \geq t^2] &\leq \frac{E[(X - \mu)^2]}{t^2} \\ &= \text{VAR}(X) / t^2 \longrightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

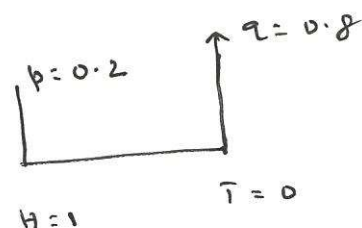
$$\therefore P[|x - \mu| \geq t] \leq \frac{\text{Var}(x)}{t^2} \text{ for all } t > 0. \quad (2)$$

#### 4. Examples of Markov

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

Ans: BINOMIAL distribution:

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



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

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

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

$$= \sum_{k=16}^{20} \binom{20}{k} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^k \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{20-k} \approx 2.38 * 10^{-18}$$

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

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

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

### 5. Example chebyshev

1)  $P[X=0] = 0.8 = \frac{4}{5}$ ,  $P[X=1] = 0.2 = \frac{1}{5}$

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

$\text{Var}(X) = (0 - \frac{1}{5})^2 \times \frac{4}{5} + (1 - \frac{1}{5})^2 \times \frac{1}{5}$

$= \frac{1}{25} \times \frac{4}{5} + \frac{16}{25} \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{20}{25 \times 5} = \frac{4}{25} = pq$

$\text{Var}(X=20) = npq = 20 \times \frac{4}{25 \times 5} = \frac{16}{5}$

chebyshev:  $P[X \geq 16] = P[X - 4 \geq 12]$

$= P[X - E(X) \geq 12]$

$\leq \frac{\text{Var}(X=20)}{(12)^2}$

$= \frac{\frac{16}{5}}{\frac{144}{9}} = \frac{1}{45}$

$= 0.02222$

$\Rightarrow$  Better than Markov.

2)  $a > 0$

$q = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $1-p-q = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $p = \frac{1}{3}$

$E(X) = 0$

$\text{Var}(X) = a^2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + a^2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2a^2}{3}$

$P[|X| \geq t] \leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{t^2} = \frac{2a^2}{3t^2}$

$P[|X| \geq a] \leq \frac{2 \cdot a^2}{3 \cdot a^2} = \frac{2}{3}$

Note: Markov and Chebyshev 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  $\lambda \in [0, b]$ , ~~exists~~

- 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. to  $\lambda \in [0, b]$ , 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 ~~(3)~~ (5)

- But Chernoff is easy analytically.

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

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

$$E[e^{\lambda x}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\lambda x} \cdot e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\left[\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} - \lambda x\right]} dx$$

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

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

Apply (5):

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

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

Verify: Home work

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

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

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

$$= t - \sigma^2 \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{t}{\sigma^2}$$

$\therefore$  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 MGF.

## 8. Sub Gaussian Variables: Definition

- A r.v.  $x$  with mean  $\mu = E(x)$  is called Sub Gaussian (SG), if  $\exists$  a  $\sigma > 0$ :  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

$$E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] \leq e^{\frac{\sigma^2 \lambda^2}{2}} \rightarrow (8)$$

- $\sigma > 0$  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  $\rightarrow P[|x - \mu| \geq t] \leq 2 e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}}, t \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\rightarrow (9)$

- A large family of r.v. are Sub Gaussian:

## 9). Examples: Let $x$ be r.v. such that

1)  $P[x = 1] = P[x = -1] = 1/2$

called Rademacher variable.

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

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

(7)

2) Any bounded r.v. is SG:

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

$$\begin{aligned} E_x [e^{\lambda x}] &= E_x [e^{\lambda [x - E_y(y)]}] \\ &\leq E_{x,y} [e^{\lambda (x-y)}] \rightarrow (11) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{cases} f(\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2) \leq \alpha f(x_1) + (1-\alpha)f(x_2) \\ \Rightarrow f(E(x)) \leq E[f(x)] \end{cases}$$

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

Symmetri-  
zation

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 get

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

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



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

v.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  $\sigma_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then for all  $t \geq 0$

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

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:

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

$$2) \exists C > 1 \text{ and } Z \sim N(0, \sigma^2) :$$

$$P[|x| \geq \lambda] \leq C P[|Z| \geq \lambda], \forall \lambda \geq 0$$

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

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

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

Proof: Refer to chapter 2 m. Wainwright



# 11) Subexponential r.v.

- The concept of SG is restrictive:  $\sigma > 0$  and  $E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}] \leq e^{-\frac{\sigma^2 \lambda^2}{2}} \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
- Relaxing the condition on  $\lambda$  gives rise to a new class called Sub-Exponential (SE) Variables.

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

$\exists$  non-negative parameters  $(v, b)$ :  $b > 0$

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

Special case

- Setting  $v = \sigma$  and  $b = 0 \Rightarrow |\lambda| \leq \infty$  (i.e.)  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  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  $\lambda < 1/2$

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

$\therefore$  For  $\lambda > 1/2$ ,  $x$  is not SG.

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

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

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

- 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

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

- 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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14) Note: An in 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  $x$ .
- If 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

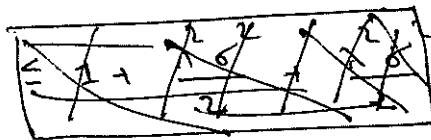
$$|E(x - \mu)^k| \leq \frac{1}{2} k! \sigma^2 b^{k-2} \rightarrow (20)$$

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

• Using this we can get sharper <sup>tail</sup> bounds and is applicable for unbounded r.v. Hence, its wide applicability. (12)

• 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

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

• Hence

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

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

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

$\Rightarrow X$  is S.E. with  $(\gamma, b) = (\sqrt{2} \sigma, 2b)$



(13)  
15) Bernstein type bound: For any r.v. satisfying Bernstein condition (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

$$P[|x-\mu| \geq t] \leq 2e^{-\frac{t^2}{2(\sigma^2+bt)}} \text{ for } t \geq 0 \rightarrow (22)$$
$$\rightarrow (23)$$

Note: (22) was proved above. Using this bound on m.e.f, 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 it 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  $\sigma^2 \ll b^2$ , it is better. This happens when the r.v. takes large values occasionally with small variance.

17) closure property for SIE: SIE property is preserved under addition of independent

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

- let  $\{x_k\}$  be a sequence of  $n$  ~~i.i.d.~~ <sup>ind.</sup> SE r.v. with  $(\gamma_k, b_k)$  and  $\mu_k = E(x_k)$  as parameters

Then, MAF. is

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

$$\leq \prod_{k=1}^n e^{\lambda^2 \gamma_k^2 / 2}$$

for  $|\lambda| \leq \max_k \left\{ \frac{1}{b_k} \right\}$  where independence and defn. of SE r.v. are used.

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

$$b_x = \max_k \{b_k\} \text{ and } \gamma_x = \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

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

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

→ (24)

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

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

$$Y = \sum_{k=1}^n z_k^2 \sim \chi_n^2$$

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

$b_k = 4$   
for all  $k$

$\gamma_k = 2$   
 $\left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\gamma_k^2}{n} \right)^{1/2} = \left( \frac{4n}{n} \right)^{1/2}$   
 $= 2\sqrt{n}$

Hence

$$P \left[ \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (z_k^2 - 1) \right| > t \right] \leq 2 e^{-\frac{nt^2}{8}} \quad \forall t \in (0, 1) \rightarrow (25)$$

### 19) Johnson-Lindenstrauss embedding:

d-guest  
dimension

Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_M\} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  where  $d$  is large

(ii)  $M$  objects in  $d$ -dimensional space.

For large  $d$ , it requires too much space to store the data

m-Host  
dimension

Seek a map  $F: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $m \ll d$  that preserves the essential features of the data by storing only  $\{F(u_1), F(u_2), \dots, F(u_M)\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

One goal is to preserve the pairwise distances and interested in  $F$ :

$$(u_i \neq u_j) \quad (1-\delta) \|u_i - u_j\|_2^2 \leq (\|F(u_i) - F(u_j)\|_2)^2 \leq (1+\delta) \|u_i - u_j\|_2^2 \rightarrow (26)$$

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

(26) is called near isometric embedding.

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

Proof: Form  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$  with  $x_i; \overset{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} N(0, I_d)$   
 and define  $F: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  as  $F(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} Xu$ .

• Let  $x_i$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $X$  and  $u \neq 0$ .

• Since  $x_i \sim N(0, I_d)$ ,  $\langle x_i, \frac{u}{\|u\|_2} \rangle$  which is a linear combination of  $x_i$  with components of the unit vector  $\frac{u}{\|u\|_2}$  is clearly  $N(0, 1)$  (Verify: Homework)

• Define 
$$Y = \frac{\|Xu\|_2^2}{\|u\|_2^2}$$
  

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

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

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

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

• From the definition of  $F$  and rearranging:

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

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

• 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 SE Variables

Let  $x$  be SE variable with  $E(x) = 0$ . Then the following are equivalent.

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

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

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

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

↪

## Lipschitz function of Gaussian Variables:

- Exhibit attractive form of dimension-free concentration

- $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $L$ -Lipschitz w.r. to 2-norm:

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\|_2 \leq L \|x - y\|_2 ; x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (1)$$

- claim: This function is Sub Gaussian 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  $Y = f(x) - \mathbb{E}(f(x))$  is ~~SG~~ SG with parameter at most  $L$ , and

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

Note: It is remarkable that  $L$ -Lipschitz 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.  $\phi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$$E \left[ \phi \left( \underbrace{f(x) - E(f(x))}_{\text{centered}} \right) \right] \leq E \left[ \phi \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \langle \nabla f(x), Y \rangle \right] \right]^2$$

→ (3)

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

Proof of Theorem:

Lemma 2.27

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

$$E \left[ \exp \left( \lambda \left[ f(x) - E(f(x)) \right] \right) \right] \quad \boxed{x, Y \text{ are ind}}$$

$$\leq E \left[ \exp \left( \frac{\lambda \pi}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n Y_k \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) \right]$$

$$= E_x \left[ E_Y \left[ \exp \left( \frac{\lambda \pi}{2} \sum_k Y_k \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) \right] \right]$$

$$= E_x \left[ \frac{\pi}{n} E_{Y_k} \left[ \exp \left( \frac{\lambda \pi}{2} Y_k \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) \right] \right]$$

But  $Y_k \sim N(0, 1)$  set  $\lambda = \left( \frac{\lambda \pi}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right)$   
 $\mu=0$

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Hoeffding)

$Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$   
 $E[e^{\lambda Y}]$   
 $= e^{\lambda \mu + \frac{\sigma^2 \lambda^2}{2}}$

$P[|x - \mu| \geq t] \leq 2 e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}}$   
SG with  $\sigma^2$   
 $E[e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}]$   
 $\leq e^{\frac{\sigma^2 \lambda^2}{2}}$

# 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:  $x_k, y_k \sim N(0, 1)$  i.i.d

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

- Let  $z_k(\theta), z'_k(\theta)$  for all  $\theta \in [0, \pi/2]$  be a jointly Gaussian pair with zero mean and covariance =  $\mathbb{I}_2$

- $\phi$  is convex:  $\Rightarrow$

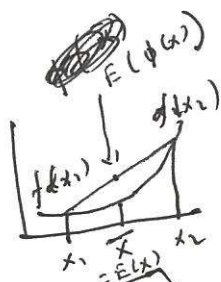
$$E_x [\phi(f(x) - E_y f(y))] \leq E_{x,y} [\phi(\underbrace{f(x) - f(y)}_{\rightarrow (2.41)})] \quad \rightarrow (2.41)$$

- $z_k(0) = y_k, \quad z_k(\pi/2) = x_k \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(x) - f(y) &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d}{d\theta} f(z(\theta)) d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \langle \nabla f(z(\theta)), z'(\theta) \rangle d\theta \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{element-wise} \\ \text{derivative} \end{array} \quad \rightarrow (2.42)$$

- using (2.42) in (2.41)

$$\begin{aligned} E_x [\phi(f(x) - E_y f(y))] &\leq E_{x,y} [\phi(\int_0^{\pi/2} \langle \nabla f(z(\theta)), z'(\theta) \rangle d\theta)] \\ &= E_{x,y} [\phi(\frac{1}{(\pi/2)} \int_0^{\pi/2} \langle \nabla f(z(\theta)), z'(\theta) \rangle d\theta)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(\pi/2)} \int_0^{\pi/2} E_{x,y} [\phi(\frac{1}{2} \langle \nabla f(z(\theta)), z'(\theta) \rangle)] d\theta \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow (2.43)$$



$$E[\phi(x)] \leq \phi(E(x))$$



• Since  $(z_k(\theta), z'_k(\theta)) \sim N(0, I_2)$  for all  $\theta$ ,  
the expectation does not depend on  $\theta$ .

• Hence  $\pi/2$

$$\frac{1}{(\pi/2)} \int_0^{\pi/2} E_{x,y} [\phi(\frac{\pi}{2} < \nabla f(z(\theta)), z'(\theta))] d\theta$$

$$= E \left[ \phi\left(\frac{\pi}{2} < \nabla f(\tilde{x}), \tilde{y}\right) \right]$$

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 <sup>log-</sup>concave distribution. Refer chapter 3.

\* But for dim. free concentration bounds for Lipschitz fn we need additional conditions (eg: convexity) for arbitrary s.g. distributions.

Applications:

S.E.

Example 2.28:  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $z_k \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, 1)$   
 $y = \sum z_k^2 \sim \chi^2_n$

• To get tail bound:  $z_k^2$  is S.E. and use independence as in the example above.

Lipschitz

• Alternate route: via Lipschitz functions of Gaussian r.v.

• Let  $v = \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{n}}$   $\Rightarrow v = \frac{\|z\|_2}{\sqrt{n}}$

• Euclidean norm is 1-Lipschitz fn.

By Thm 2.26:

$$P[\underbrace{V \not\geq E(V) + \delta}] \leq \exp\left[-\frac{n\delta^2}{2}\right]$$

By Convexity of  $\sqrt{x}$  & Jensen inequalities:

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

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

$$= 1 \quad (\because E(z_k^2) = 1)$$

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

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

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

$$V \geq E(V) + \delta = (1 + \delta)$$

From  $V = \frac{Y}{\sqrt{n}}$ , pulling all pieces together:

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

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

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

where  $t = 3\delta$

$$\forall t \in [0, 3]$$

$\rightarrow (2.44)$

Note: Compare this (2.44) with the one in earlier example (2.11) using SE argument.

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

Ex 2.11