

IE 531

HW #2

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1. (a) $X \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$

$$\text{Prob}(X=-1) = \text{Prob}(X=1) = \frac{1}{2k^2}$$

$$X = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{Probability} = \frac{1}{2k^2} \\ 0, & \text{Probability} = 1 - \frac{1}{k^2} \\ 1, & \text{Probability} = \frac{1}{2k^2} \end{cases}$$

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

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

$$P(|X - E(X)| \geq \delta) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\delta^2}$$

$$P(|X| \geq 1) = 2 \times \frac{1}{2k^2} = \frac{1}{k^2} \quad \text{when } \delta = 1$$

(b) Assume $E(X) = 0$, $\text{Var}(X) = 1$

Chebyshev tight bound: $P(|X| \geq \delta) = \frac{1}{\delta^2}$

When $X > 0$, CDF: $1 - \frac{1}{\delta^2}$

PDF: $\frac{2}{\delta^3}$

In order to avoid discontinuities,

PDF = $|X|^3$ for $|X| > 2$.

However, the variance of the distribution is not finite since $E(X^2)$ is not finite.

Since it needs integral with logarithm behavior

Hence, there can be no continuous distribution

over the whole real axis where the

Chebyshev Bound is tight.

(citation is behind)



$$2. (a) B(1, d, 4) = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid |x_1|^4 + \dots + |x_d|^4 \leq 1 \}$$

$$S: \{ (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid |x_1|^4 + \dots + |x_d|^4 \leq \frac{1}{2} \}$$

$$\text{Since } \text{vol}(B(r, d, 4)) = r^d \times \text{vol}(B(1, d, 4))$$

$$\frac{\text{vol}(S)}{\text{vol}(B(1, d, 4))} = \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{d}{4}} \times \text{vol}(B(1, d, 4))}{\text{vol}(B(1, d, 4))}$$

$$= (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{d}{4}}$$

$$(b) T = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid |x| \leq 1, |x_1| > \varepsilon \}$$

$$|x_1| < \frac{c}{d^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$\text{Vol}(T) = \int_{x_1=\varepsilon}^{x_1=1} (1 - x_1^4)^{\frac{d-1}{4}} \cdot \text{vol}(B(1, d-1, 4)) dx$$

$$\leq (\text{const}) \int_{x_1=\varepsilon}^{x_1=1} \frac{x_1^3}{\varepsilon^3} \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-1) \cdot x_1^4}{4}} dx$$

$$\text{Since } \int x_1^3 \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-1)x_1^4}{4}} dx = \frac{1}{d-1} e^{-\frac{(d-1)x_1^4}{4}}$$

$$\leq (\frac{\text{const}}{\varepsilon^3}) \cdot \int_{x_1=\varepsilon}^{x_1=1} x_1^3 \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-1) \cdot x_1^4}{4}} dx$$

$$= (\text{const}) \cdot \frac{1}{\varepsilon^3 (d-1)} \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-1)\varepsilon^4}{4}}$$

$$\text{ratio} \leq \frac{(\text{const}) \cdot \frac{1}{\varepsilon^3 (d-1)} e^{-\frac{(d-1)\varepsilon^4}{4}}}{(\text{const}) \cdot \frac{1}{(d-1)^{\frac{1}{4}}}}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^3 \cdot (d-1)^{\frac{3}{4}}} e^{-\frac{(d-1) \cdot \varepsilon^4}{4}}$$

$$\text{let } \varepsilon = \frac{c}{(d-1)^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$\text{ratio} \leq \frac{1}{c^3} e^{-\frac{c^4}{4}}$$

Hence, the fraction of the volume of

$B(1, d, 4)$ outside the slab

$$|x_1| \leq \frac{c}{d^{\frac{1}{4}}} \text{ is at most } \frac{1}{c^3} \cdot e^{-\frac{c^4}{4}}$$



3. (a) Unit sphere \Rightarrow

$$B(1, d) = \{x_1, \dots, x_d \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid x_1^2 + \dots + x_d^2 = 1\}$$

$$\text{Since } E(x_i) = 0 \quad E(x) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \text{Var}(x_i) &= E(x_i^2) - E(x_i)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{d} E\left(\sum_{i=1}^d x_i^2\right) - E(x_i)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{d} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad \text{Var}(u^T x) = u^T \text{Var}(x)$$

Base Case: When $d=1$

$$\text{Var}(u_1^T x_1) = u_1^2 \text{Var}(x_1)$$

$$= u_1^2 (E(x_1^2) - E(x_1)^2)$$

$$= u_1^2 \cdot E(x_1^2)$$

$$\text{Suppose } \text{Var}(u_k^T x_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k u_i^2 \cdot E(x_i^2)$$

When $d = k+1$,

$$\text{Var}(u_{k+1}^T x_{k+1}) = \text{Var}(u_k^T x_k) + u_{k+1}^2 \cdot E(x_{k+1}^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By induction:} \quad &= \sum_{i=1}^k u_i^2 \cdot E(x_i^2) + u_{k+1}^2 \cdot E(x_{k+1}^2) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} u_i^2 \cdot E(x_i^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } \text{Var}(x_i) = E(x_i^2) = \frac{1}{d}$$

$$\text{Var}(u^T x) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d u_i^2 = \frac{1}{d}$$

$$\text{Standard deviation} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d u_i^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{d}}$$



3. (d) Since ratio $\leq \frac{2}{\epsilon \sqrt{d-1}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-1)\epsilon^2}{2}}$

where $\epsilon = \frac{2}{\sqrt{d-1}}$

$$\text{ratio} \leq \frac{4}{2\sqrt{d-1}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-1)2^2}{8}}$$

$$< \frac{8}{2\sqrt{d-1}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(d-1)2^2}{8}}$$

Hence, the volume of their intersection is at most $\frac{8e^{-2^2 \cdot (d-1)/8}}{2\sqrt{d-1}}$

4. In order to make the distance between their images Ax and Ay hugely distorted.

Let $x \neq y$ and $Ax = Ay$.

For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ with $k < d$

let x, y in the nullspace of A .

then $Ax = Ay = 0$

Here, for every fixed dimension reduction matrix

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ with $k < d$, there is a pair of vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$, such that the distance between their images Ax and Ay is hugely distorted.

3. (e) Since $c \gg 1$ and $r = 1$

let $2 = \frac{c}{\sqrt{d-1}}$, then, the fraction

of the intersection is at most

$\frac{8e^{-\frac{c^2}{4}}}{c}$, which is very small mass

compared with c when $c \gg 1$



Random variables for which Markov, Chebyshev inequalities are tight. (n.d.). Retrieved March 01, 2018, from <https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/235524/random-variables-for-which-markov-chebyshev-inequalities-are-tight>