

## Lec 12: Strong Data Processing Inequalities

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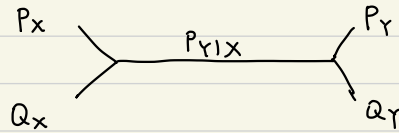
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Recall:



$$\text{DPI: } D_{KL}(Q_Y \| P_Y) \leq D_{KL}(Q_X \| P_X)$$

$$\text{SDPI: } D_{KL}(Q_Y \| P_Y) \leq \eta(P_{Y|X}) D_{KL}(Q_X \| P_X) \\ \text{for some } \eta(P_{Y|X}) < 1.$$

Input-independent SDPI.

Defn. Given a channel  $P_{Y|X}$ , define

$$\eta(P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{P_X \neq Q_X} \frac{D_{KL}(Q_Y \| P_Y)}{D_{KL}(Q_X \| P_X)}$$

Properties: ①  $\eta(P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{U: X \rightarrow Y} \frac{I(U; Y)}{I(U; X)}$

Pf. ( $\geq$ )  $I(U; Y) = \mathbb{E}_U [D_{KL}(P_{Y|U} \| P_Y)]$   
 $= \mathbb{E}_U [\eta(P_{Y|X}) \cdot D_{KL}(P_{X|U} \| P_X)]$  (why?)  
 $= \eta(P_{Y|X}) \cdot I(U; X)$

( $\leq$ ) Choose  $U \sim \text{Bern}(p)$  and  $P_{X|U=1} = \tilde{P}_X$ ,  $P_{X|U=0} = \tilde{Q}_X$ .

Then  $I(U; X) = \mathbb{E}_U [D_{KL}(P_{X|U} \| P_X)]$   
 $= p \cdot D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_X \| p \cdot \tilde{P}_X + (1-p) \tilde{Q}_X)$   
 $\quad + (1-p) D_{KL}(\tilde{Q}_X \| p \cdot \tilde{P}_X + (1-p) \tilde{Q}_X)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dp} I(U; X) \Big|_{p=0} = D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_X \| \tilde{Q}_X) + \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{Q}_X} \left[ \frac{\tilde{P}_X - \tilde{Q}_X}{\tilde{Q}_X} \right]$   
 $= D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_X \| \tilde{Q}_X)$

$$\Rightarrow I(U; X) = p \cdot D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_X \| \tilde{Q}_X) + o(p)$$

$$I(U; Y) = p \cdot D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_Y \| \tilde{Q}_Y) + o(p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{I(U; Y)}{I(U; X)} \rightarrow \frac{D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_Y \| \tilde{Q}_Y)}{D_{KL}(\tilde{P}_X \| \tilde{Q}_X)} \text{ as } p \rightarrow 0^+.$$

□

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \eta(P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{P_X, Q_X \text{ binary}} \frac{D_{KL}(Q_X \| P_Y)}{D_{KL}(Q_X \| P_X)}$$

Pf. It suffices to show that, for any  $\eta > 0$  and  $(P_X, Q_X)$ , and

$$f(P_X, Q_X) = D_{KL}(Q_X \| P_Y) - \eta \cdot D_{KL}(Q_X \| P_X)$$

we can always find binary distributions  $(\tilde{P}_X, \tilde{Q}_X)$  s.t.  $f(P_X, Q_X) \leq f(\tilde{P}_X, \tilde{Q}_X)$ .

To prove it, note that

$$\hat{P} \mapsto f(\hat{P}, \frac{Q_X}{P_X} \hat{P}) = D_{KL}(P_{Y|X} \circ \frac{Q_X}{P_X} \hat{P} \| P_{Y|X} \circ \hat{P}) - \eta \underbrace{D_{KL}(\frac{Q_X}{P_X} \hat{P} \| \hat{P})}_{\text{linear in } \hat{P}}$$

is convex on  $\{\hat{P} : \int \frac{Q_X}{P_X} \hat{P} = 1, \int \hat{P} = 1\}$ . When  $\hat{P} = P_X$ , the value is  $f(P_X, Q_X)$ .

The maximizer  $\hat{P}^*$  of this map must belong to the extremal points of this set, i.e.  $\hat{P}^*$  must be a binary distribution. □

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad \eta(P_{Y|X}) &= \sup_{x, x' \in \mathcal{X}} L_{\max}(P_{Y|X=x}, P_{Y|X=x'}) \\ &= \sup_{x, x' \in \mathcal{X}} \sup_{0 < \beta < 1} \beta(1-\beta) \int \frac{(P_{Y|X=x} - P_{Y|X=x'})^2}{(1-\beta)P_{Y|X=x} + \beta P_{Y|X=x'}} \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $\frac{1}{2} \text{diam}_{H^2} \leq \eta(P_{Y|X}) \leq \text{diam}_{H^2} - \frac{\text{diam}_{H^2}^2}{4}$

where  $\text{diam}_{H^2}(P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{x, x' \in \mathcal{X}} H^2(P_{Y|X=x}, P_{Y|X=x'})$ .

Pf. The first claim follows from  $\textcircled{2}$  and computations for binary distributions; see textbook for details. For the second claim:

$$(\geq) \quad L_{\max}(P \| Q) \stackrel{\beta=1/2}{\geq} \int \frac{(P-Q)^2}{2(P+Q)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \int (\sqrt{P} - \sqrt{Q})^2 = \frac{H^2(P, Q)}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\leq) \quad 1 - \beta(1-\beta) \int \frac{(P-Q)^2}{(1-\beta)P + \beta Q} &\stackrel{\text{check}}{=} \int \frac{PQ}{(1-\beta)P + \beta Q} \stackrel{C-S}{\geq} (\int \sqrt{PQ})^2 \\ &= (1 - \frac{H^2(P, Q)}{2})^2 \end{aligned}$$

□

Example (EC<sub>δ</sub>). For EC<sub>δ</sub>,  $P_{Y|X} = \begin{cases} X & \text{w.p. } 1-\delta \\ ? & \text{w.p. } \delta \end{cases}$ , so  
 $I(U; Y) = (1-\delta) I(U; X)$  for all  $U-X-Y$  (HW 1)

Therefore,  $\eta(\text{EC}_\delta) = 1-\delta$ .

Example (BSC<sub>δ</sub>). For BSC<sub>δ</sub>,  $X \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $Y = X \oplus \text{Bern}(\delta)$ .

In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\max}(P_{Y|X}=0, P_{Y|X}=1) &= \sup_{\beta \in (0,1)} \beta(1-\beta) \left( \frac{(1-2\delta)^2}{(1-\beta)(1-\delta)+\beta\delta} + \frac{(1-2\delta)^2}{(1-\beta)\delta+\beta(1-\delta)} \right) \\ &= (1-2\delta)^2 \sup_{\beta \in (0,1)} \frac{\beta(1-\beta)}{[(1-\beta)(1-\delta)+\beta\delta][(1-\beta)\delta+\beta(1-\delta)]} \\ &= (1-2\delta)^2 \end{aligned}$$

↗ between β and 1-β ✓  
sum into 1

Therefore,  $\eta(\text{BSC}_\delta) = (1-2\delta)^2$ .

Example (tensorization)  $\eta(P_{Y^n|X}^{\otimes n}) \leq 1 - (1 - \eta(P_{Y|X}))^n$ .

Pf. For  $U-X^n-Y^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} I(U; Y^n) &= I(U; Y_2^n) + I(U; Y_1 | Y_2^n) \\ &\leq I(U; Y_2^n) + \eta(P_{Y|X}) I(U; X_1 | Y_2^n) \\ &= (1 - \eta(P_{Y|X})) I(U; Y_2^n) + \underbrace{\eta(P_{Y|X}) I(U; X_1 | Y_2^n)}_{\leq I(U; X^n)} \end{aligned}$$

Continuing this process gives

$$\frac{I(U; Y^n)}{I(U; X^n)} \leq \eta(P_{Y|X}) \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} (1 - \eta(P_{Y|X}))^t = 1 - (1 - \eta(P_{Y|X}))^n. \quad \square$$

(A general result: in a Bayesian network, each vertex  $v$  is open w.p.  $\eta(P_v | \text{Parent}(v))$ .)

Then  $\eta(P_{X_S | X_0}) \leq P(\exists \text{ an open path from } 0 \text{ to some vertex in } S)$   
 $= \text{"percolation" probability from } 0 \text{ to } S. \quad )$

## Input-dependent SDPI.

Defn. Given a channel  $P_{Y|X}$  and input  $P_X$ .

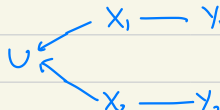
$$\eta(P_X, P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{Q_X} \frac{D_{KL}(Q_Y \| P_Y)}{D_{KL}(Q_X \| P_X)}$$

Properties:

- ①  $\eta(P_X, P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{U: X \rightarrow Y} \frac{I(U; Y)}{I(U; X)}$
- ②  $\eta(P_X^n, P_{Y|X}^n) = \eta(P_X, P_{Y|X})$ .

Pf. By induction, suffice to prove the case  $n=2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & I(U; Y_1, Y_2) \\
 &= I(U; Y_1) + I(U; Y_2 | Y_1) \\
 &\leq \eta(I(U; X_1) + I(U; X_2 | Y_1)) \\
 &= \eta(\underbrace{I(U; X_1) + I(U; X_2 | X_1, Y_1)}_{= I(U; X_2 | X_1)}) + \underbrace{I(X_1, X_2 | Y_1)}_{= 0} - \underbrace{I(X_1, X_2 | Y_1, U)}_{\geq 0} \\
 &\leq \eta(I(U; X_1, X_2))
 \end{aligned}$$



$U - X_2 - Y_2 \mid Y_1$   
 and  $P_{X_2|Y_1} = P_{X_2}$

Unlike  $\eta(P_{Y|X})$ , the input-dependent SDPI constant  $\eta(P_X, P_{Y|X})$  can be much more challenging to characterize. An example is when  $P_{Y|X}$  is the transition matrix of a Markov chain, and  $P_X = \pi$  is its stationary distribution. Then SDPI says that

$$D_{KL}(\pi_0 P^n \| \pi) = D_{KL}(\pi_0 P^n \| \pi P^n) \leq \eta(\pi, P)^n \cdot D_{KL}(\pi_0 \| \pi), \quad \forall \pi_0.$$

This is called the modified log-Sobolev inequality, and leads to upper bounds on the mixing time. Both tasks could be challenging for Markov chains.

Example.  $(X, Y) \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$  is jointly Gaussian with correlation  $\rho$ .

Claim:  $\eta(P_X, P_{Y|X}) = \eta(P_Y, P_{X|Y}) = \rho^2$ .

Pf. We'll only prove the upper bound  $\eta(P_X, P_{Y|X}) \leq p^2$ ; see below for lower bound. By scaling, WLOG we assume that  $Y = X + Z$  with  $Z \sim N(0, \frac{1}{p^2} - 1)$ .

For any  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{Y} = \tilde{X} + Z$ ,

$$D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{Y}} \| P_Y) = -h(\tilde{Y}) + \log \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{p} + \frac{p^2}{2} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{Y}^2]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{EPI}}{\leq} -\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e(\frac{1}{p^2} - 1)) + e^{2h(\tilde{X})} + \log \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{p} + \frac{p^2}{2} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{Y}^2].$$

$$\text{and } D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{X}} \| P_X) = -h(\tilde{X}) + \log \sqrt{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2].$$

$$\text{Rearranging: } D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{Y}} \| P_Y) \leq -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 - p^2 + p^2 e^{\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2] - 2D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{X}} \| P_X)}) + \frac{p^2}{2} (\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2] - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log(1 - p + px) &\geq p \log x \quad \text{concavity of } \log. \\ &\leq -\frac{p^2}{2} \log(e^{\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2] - 2D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{X}} \| P_X)}) + \frac{p^2}{2} (\mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}^2] - 1) \\ &= p^2 D_{KL}(P_{\tilde{X}} \| P_X) \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

(Another quantity:  $\eta_{X^2}(P_X, P_{Y|X}) = \sup_{Q_X} \frac{\chi^2(Q_Y \| P_Y)}{\chi^2(Q_X \| P_X)}$ .)

Properties: ①  $\eta_{X^2} \leq \eta_{KL}$

②  $\eta_{X^2} = \sigma_1(M)^2$ , where  $\sigma_1(M) \geq \sigma_2(M) \geq \dots \geq 0$  are singular values of

$$M_{x,y} = \frac{P_{X,Y}(x,y)}{\sqrt{P_X(x)P_Y(y)}}, \quad x \in X, y \in Y.$$

③  $\sqrt{\eta_{X^2}}$  = maximal correlation between  $X$  and  $Y$ , defined as

$$\sup_{g_1, g_2} \text{corr}(g_1(X), g_2(Y)) = \sup_{g_1, g_2} \frac{\text{Cov}(g_1(X), g_2(Y))}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(g_1(X)) \text{Var}(g_2(Y))}}.$$

④ In Markov chains,

$$\chi^2(\pi, P^n \| \pi) \leq \eta_{X^2}(\pi, P)^n \cdot \chi^2(\pi, P \| \pi).$$

This is the Poincaré's inequality.

By ① + ③, for jointly Gaussian  $(X, Y)$ ,  $\eta_{KL} \geq \eta_{X^2} = (\text{maximal correlation})^2 = p^2$ .

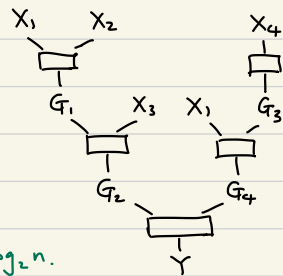
## Applications of SDPI.

Example 1 (noisy gates). Suppose a noisy gate is an {AND, OR, NOT} gate with output corrupted by a  $\text{Bern}(\delta)$  noise.

Q: For every  $\delta < 1/2$ , can we still reliably compute all Boolean functions  $\{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ ?

Claim:  $I(X_i; Y) \leq (2(1-2\delta)^2)^{d_i}$ ,

where  $d_i$  is the minimum distance from  $X_i$  to  $Y$ .



Answer to question: No. Suppose we'd like to compute

$$\text{XOR}(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \bmod 2, \text{ then } \exists i \in [n] \text{ with } d_i \geq \log_2 n.$$

For this  $i$ , if  $\delta > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.15$ ,

$$I(X_i; Y) \leq (2(1-2\delta)^2)^{\log_2 n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since  $\text{XOR}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is sensitive to every  $X_i$ , its computation is impossible.

Pf of claim.  $I(X_i; Y) \leq \eta(P_{Y|X_i}) \cdot H(X_i)$

$$\leq \eta(P_{Y|X_i})$$

$\leq$  percolation probability from  $X_i$  to  $Y$

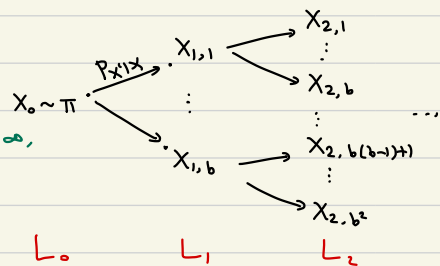
$$= \sum_{\text{paths from } X_i \text{ to } Y} (1-2\delta)^{2 \cdot \text{length}(\text{path})}$$

When  $\text{length}(\text{path}) \geq d_i$  and  $2(1-2\delta)^2 \leq 1$ , the sum is  $\leq [2(1-2\delta)^2]^{d_i}$  □

Example 2 (Broadcast on trees) Let  $(\pi, P_{X|X})$  be a reversible Markov chain.

Consider the broadcasting problem on an infinite b-ary tree.

Q: Given all  $(X_{D,i})_{i \in [D^b]}$  on layer  $D \rightarrow \infty$ , can you recover  $X_0$  reliably?



Claim: No if  $b \cdot \eta(\pi, P_{X|X}) < 1$ .

Pf.  $I(X_0; X_{L_D}) \leq \sum_{v \in L_1} I(X_0; X_{L_{D,v}})$  ( $L_{D,v} = \{u \in L_D : v \in \text{ancestor}(u)\}$ )

$$\leq \eta(\pi, P_X | X) \sum_{v \in L_1} I(X_v; X_{L_{D,v}}) \quad (X_{L_{D,v}} \rightarrow X_v \xrightarrow{\uparrow} X_0 \text{ transition is } P_X | X \text{ by reversibility})$$

$$= b \eta(\pi, P_X | X) \cdot I(X_0; X_{L_{D-1}})$$

$$\Rightarrow I(X_0; X_{L_D}) \leq (b \eta(\pi, P_X | X))^D \cdot H(X_0) \xrightarrow{D \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \text{if } b \eta < 1. \quad \square$$

Application: stochastic block model. In  $2\text{-SBM}(\frac{a}{n}, \frac{b}{n})$ , a vector  $X \sim \text{Unif}(\{\pm 1\}^n)$  is drawn, and

$$\mathbb{P}((i,j) \text{ connected} | X) = \begin{cases} \frac{a}{n} & \text{if } X_i X_j = 1 \text{ (same community)} \\ \frac{b}{n} & \text{if } X_i X_j = -1 \text{ (different community)} \end{cases}$$

Q: When can we recover  $X_1, X_2 \in \{\pm 1\}$  with  $\Omega(1)$  probability, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?

Claim: We cannot if  $\frac{(a-b)^2}{2(a+b)} < 1$  (Kesten-Stigum threshold)

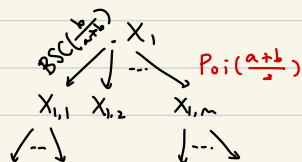
Pf. Since all edge probabilities are of order  $\Theta(\frac{1}{n})$ , w.h.p. all vertices with distance  $\leq d$  from  $X_1$  forms a tree (i.e. no cycles), for some  $d = d_n \rightarrow \infty$ .

In addition, # of children  $\sim \text{Poi}(\frac{a+b}{2})$ .

Label flipping prob =  $\frac{b}{a+b}$ .

W.h.p.  $X_2$  does not belong to this local neighborhood of  $X_1$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} I(X_1; X_2 | G) &\leq I(X_1; (X_i)_{i \in L_d} | G) \\ &\leq \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot \left(1 - 2 \cdot \frac{b}{a+b}\right)^2 \right)^d \quad (\text{see HW3 for details}) \\ &= \left[ \frac{(a-b)^2}{2(a+b)} \right]^d \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{if } \frac{(a-b)^2}{2(a+b)} < 1. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$



Example 3 (Spiked Wigner model)  $X \sim \text{Unif}(\{\pm 1\}^n)$  unknown

observation:  $Y = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}} X X^T + W$  ( $W_{ij} = W_{ji} \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, 1)$ )

Claim: If  $\lambda < 1$ , then  $I(X_1; X_2 | Y) = o(1)$

(i.e. weak recovery of  $X$  is impossible; the threshold  $\lambda \leq 1$  is the famous BBP transition)



Pf. The idea is that  $Y_{ij}$  is determined by  $X_i, X_j$  through  $Y_{ij} | X_i, X_j \sim N(\underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}} X_i X_j}_{\text{call it } \theta_{ij} \in \{\pm 1\}}, 1)$ .

For this Gaussian channel  $\mathcal{P} = \{N(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}}, 1), N(-\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}}, 1)\}$ , can show that

$$\eta := \eta(\mathcal{P}) = LC_{\frac{1}{2}}(N(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}}, 1), N(-\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}}, 1)) = \frac{\lambda}{n} (1 + o(1)).$$

Next we replace  $Y_{ij}$  by  $Z_{ij}$  with  $Z_{ij} | \theta_{ij} = \begin{cases} \theta_{ij} & \text{w.p. } \eta \\ ? & \text{w.p. } 1-\eta \end{cases}$  (i.e.  $EC(1-\eta)$ ),  
then for any  $U \rightarrow \theta_{ij} \begin{cases} Y_{ij} \\ Z_{ij} \end{cases}$ , we have

$$I(U; Y_{ij}) \leq \eta I(U; \theta_{ij}) = I(U; Z_{ij}).$$

We claim that

$$I(X_1; Y | X_2) \leq I(X_1; Z | X_2) \quad (*).$$

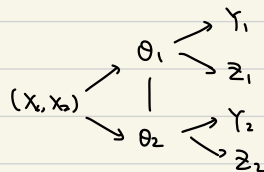
Indeed, assuming (\*),

$$\begin{aligned} I(X_1; X_2 | Y) &= I(X_1; X_2, Y) \quad (I(X_1; Y) = 0) \\ &= I(X_1; Y | X_2) \quad (I(X_1; X_2) = 0) \\ &\leq I(X_1; Z | X_2) \quad (\text{by } (*)) \\ &= I(X_1; X_2 | Z) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}(1 \text{ and } 2 \text{ are connected in the graph induced by } Z) \\ &\quad (\text{no edge between } (i, j) \Leftrightarrow Z_{ij} = ?) \end{aligned}$$

Since this graph is Erdős-Rényi,  $(\frac{\lambda}{n}(1+o(1)))$ , it's known that when  $\lambda < 1$ , the largest connected component has size  $O(\log n)$ . So  $\mathbb{P}(1 \text{ and } 2 \text{ connected}) \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

Pf of (\*). WLOG assume that  $Y = (Y_1, Y_2)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} I(X_1; Y | X_2) &= I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2) + I(X_1; Y_2 | X_1, Y_1) \\ &\leq I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2) + \eta I(X_1; \theta_2 | X_2, Y_1) \\ &= I(X_1; Y_1 | X_2) + I(X_1; Z_2 | X_1, Y_1) \\ &= I(X_1; Y_1, Z_2 | X_2) \end{aligned}$$



Proceeding with same arguments gives  $I(X_1; Y | X_2) \leq I(X_1; Z | X_2)$ .  $\square$

Example 4 (proximal sampling) Suppose we'd like to sample from  $\pi(x) \propto e^{-f(x)}$ ,  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

A proximal sampler works as follows: it aims to sample from

$$\pi(x, y) \propto \exp(-f(x) - \frac{1}{2\eta} \|x - y\|^2)$$

via an iterative procedure. Given initialization  $x_0 \sim P_{x_0}$ , for each  $t = 0, 1, \dots$ :

- Given  $x_t$ , sample  $y_t | x_t \sim N(x_t, \eta I)$ ;
- Given  $y_t$ , sample  $x_{t+1} | y_t \sim \pi^{X|Y}(\cdot | y_t)$ . ( $\eta$ -strongly log-concave for convex  $f$ )

Claim: if  $\pi$  satisfies  $\alpha$ -LSI, i.e.  $D_{KL}(p \| \pi) \leq \frac{1}{2\alpha} FI(p \| \pi) := \frac{1}{2\alpha} \mathbb{E}_p[\|\nabla \log \frac{p}{\pi}\|^2]$ ,  $\forall p$ ,

then

$$D_{KL}(P_{x_t} \| \pi) \leq \frac{D_{KL}(P_{x_0} \| \pi)}{(1 + \alpha\eta)^{2t}}.$$

Pf. We'll show that

$$D_{KL}(P_{x_t} \| \pi_Y) \leq \frac{D_{KL}(P_{x_t} \| \pi)}{1 + \alpha\eta} \quad (1) \quad (\pi_Y = \pi * N(0, \eta I))$$

$$D_{KL}(P_{x_{t+1}} \| \pi) \leq \frac{D_{KL}(P_{x_t} \| \pi_Y)}{1 + \alpha\eta} \quad (2)$$

via SDPIs. This is equivalent to saying that  $\eta(\pi, N(\cdot, \eta I)) \leq \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\eta}$ .

$$\eta(\pi_Y, \pi^{X|Y}(\cdot | y)) \leq \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\eta}.$$

Forward step. Let  $p_t = P_{x_t}$ ,  $\pi_0 = \pi$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t p_t &= \frac{1}{2} \Delta p_t \\ \partial_t \pi_t &= \frac{1}{2} \Delta \pi_t \end{aligned} \quad (\text{heat flow})$$

then  $p_\eta = P_{y_t}$ ,  $\pi_\eta = \pi_Y$ . Now

$$\partial_t D_{KL}(p_t \| \pi_t) = \partial_t \int p_t \log \frac{p_t}{\pi_t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \Delta p_t \left( \log \frac{p_t}{\pi_t} + 1 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \int \Delta \pi_t \cdot \frac{p_t}{\pi_t}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int \nabla p_t \cdot \nabla \log \frac{p_t}{\pi_t} + \frac{1}{2} \int \nabla \pi_t \cdot \nabla \log \frac{p_t}{\pi_t}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p_t} [\nabla \log p_t \cdot \nabla \log \frac{p_t}{\pi_t}] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p_t} [\nabla \log \pi_t \cdot \nabla \log \frac{p_t}{\pi_t}]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} FI(p_t \| \pi_t).$$

Since  $\pi_0$  is  $\alpha$ -LSI, can show that  $\pi_t = \pi_0 * N(0, tI)$  is  $(\frac{1}{\alpha} + t)^{-1}$ -LSI.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t D_{KL}(p_t \| \pi_t) &\leq -\frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha} + t} D_{KL}(p_t \| \pi_t) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{D_{KL}(p_\eta \| \pi_\eta)}{D_{KL}(p_0 \| \pi_0)} &\leq \exp\left(-\int_0^\eta \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha} + t} dt\right) = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\eta}. \end{aligned}$$

Backward step. Let  $p_0^- = p_{\eta^-}$ ,  $\pi_0^- = \pi_\eta$ , and

$$\partial_t p_t^- = -\operatorname{div}(p_t^- \nabla \log \pi_t^-) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta p_t^- = \operatorname{div}(p_t^- \nabla \log \frac{p_t^-}{\pi_t^-}) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta p_t^-$$

$$\partial_t \pi_t^- = -\operatorname{div}(\pi_t^- \nabla \log \pi_t^-) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \pi_t^- = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta \pi_t^-,$$

then  $p_t^- = p_{\eta-t}$ ,  $\pi_t^- = \pi$  (by the reverse process of diffusion model)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \partial_t D_{KL}(p_t^- \| \pi_t^-) &= \partial_t \int p_t^- \log \frac{p_t^-}{\pi_t^-} \\ &= \int (\operatorname{div}(p_t^- \nabla \log \frac{p_t^-}{\pi_t^-}) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta p_t^-) (\log \frac{p_t^-}{\pi_t^-} + 1) \\ &\quad - \int (-\frac{1}{2} \Delta \pi_t^-) \frac{p_t^-}{\pi_t^-} \\ &= -\int p_t^- \nabla \log \frac{p_t^-}{\pi_t^-} \cdot \nabla \log \frac{p_t^-}{\pi_t^-} + \frac{1}{2} FI(p_t^- \| \pi_t^-) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} FI(p_t^- \| \pi_t^-) \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha} + (\eta - t)} D_{KL}(p_t^- \| \pi_t^-) \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \pi_t^- = \pi_{\eta-t} \\ \text{is } (\frac{1}{\alpha} + \eta - t)^{-1}\text{-LSI} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{D_{KL}(p_\eta^- \| \pi_\eta^-)}{D_{KL}(p_0^- \| \pi_0^-)} \leq \exp\left(-\int_0^\eta \frac{dt}{\frac{1}{\alpha} + \eta - t}\right) = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\eta}.$$

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