

HIGH DIMENSIONAL CONVEX GEOMETRIC ANALYSIS

(note that the statement of one exercise may be used for the proof of another).

- (1) (a) Show that there is a one-to-one correspondence between origin-symmetric convex bodies K in \mathbb{R}^n (i.e. compact convex subsets with non-empty interior), and normed spaces $(\mathbb{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_K)$, given by $\|x\|_K := \inf \{t > 0; x \in tK\}$.
 (b) Show that $K \subset L$ iff $\|x\|_K \geq \|x\|_L$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

- (2) Recall that the Banach–Mazur distance between two convex bodies $K, L \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ was defined as:

$$d_{BM}(K, L) := \inf \left\{ ab ; \frac{1}{a}L \subset T(K) \subset bL, T \in \text{Affine}(\mathbb{R}^n) \right\},$$

Where $\text{Affine}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ denotes all affine transformations of \mathbb{R}^n . Show that when $K = -K$ and $L = -L$, it is enough to just consider linear maps $T \in GL(n)$ above.

- (3) Let Δ_n denote the regular simplex in \mathbb{R}^n with barycenter at the origin. Show that $d_G(\Delta_n, D_n) = n$, where recall, the geometric distance is defined as:

$$d_G(K, L) := \inf \left\{ ab ; \frac{1}{a}L \subset K \subset bL \right\}.$$

Hint: use the natural embedding of $\Delta_n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ as $\Delta_n := \text{conv}(e_1, \dots, e_{n+1})$.

- (4) Recall that B_∞^n and B_1^n denote the unit-balls of ℓ_∞^n and ℓ_1^n , respectively.
 (a) Verify that $d_G(B_1^n, D_n) = \sqrt{n}$.
 (b) Verify that $d_G(B_\infty^n, D_n) = \sqrt{n}$.

- (5) Let H denote the hyperplane perpendicular to the diagonal in \mathbb{R}^n , i.e. $H := (1/\sqrt{n}, \dots, 1/\sqrt{n})^\perp$. Using the (local) Central-Limit-Theorem, calculate:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Vol}([-1/2, 1/2]^n \cap H).$$

Verify that indeed this value is $\leq \sqrt{2}$. (Here local CLT means that if $\{X_i\}$ are i.i.d. bounded random-variables with $E(X_1) = 0$ and $\text{Var}(X_1) = 1$, then the density at $t \in \mathbb{R}$ of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ converges to the density of a standard Gaussian random-variable at t).

- (6) We have proved the Brunn-Minkowski inequality for two n -dimensional rectangles with aligned axes. Use this as the basis of an induction, and prove the BM inequality for bodies $K = \cup_{i=1}^N A_i$ and $L = \cup_{j=1}^M B_j$, where A_i and B_j are n -dimensional rectangles (with axes aligned with the principle axes of \mathbb{R}^n) having mutually disjoint interiors.

Hint: use induction on $N + M$. Use the fact that if $N \geq 2$, one can always find a hyperplane H so that each of the collections $\{A_i \cap H^+\}$ and

$\{A_i \cap H^-\}$ are composed of $\leq N - 1$ non-degenerate rectangles. Finally, translate the set L into a favorable position, so that $L \cap H^+$ and $L \cap H^-$ have convenient volumes.

- (7) Prove that $\det^{1/n}$ is concave on the class of $n \times n$ positive semi-definite matrices:

$$A, B \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \det(A + B)^{1/n} \geq \det(A)^{1/n} + \det(B)^{1/n} .$$

- (8) Recall the *Prékopa–Leindler inequality*: if $f, g, h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ denote three measurable functions so that for some $\lambda \in (0, 1)$:

$$h(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \geq f(x)^\lambda g(y)^{1-\lambda} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n .$$

Then:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} h \geq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \right)^\lambda \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g \right)^{1-\lambda} .$$

We've seen in class that the 1-D Brunn–Minkowski (BM) inequality implies the 1-D Prékopa–Leindler (PL) inequality. Generalize this implication to arbitrary dimension n using two different methods:

- (a) Method 1. First, prove the following geometric-average version of the 1-D PL inequality, by reducing it to the usual (arithmetic-average) 1-D PL inequality: if $a, b, c : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ and:

$$c(x^\lambda y^{1-\lambda}) \geq a(x)^\lambda b(y)^{1-\lambda} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

Then:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} c \geq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} a \right)^\lambda \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} b \right)^{1-\lambda} .$$

Now apply the BM inequality to the level-sets of h, f, g , and conclude using the above 1-D geometric-average PL inequality.

- (b) Method 2. First prove using the BM inequality that if:

$$h(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y)^{\frac{1}{k}} \geq \lambda f(x)^{\frac{1}{k}} + (1 - \lambda)g(y)^{\frac{1}{k}} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

for some natural number k , then:

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} h \right)^{\frac{1}{n+k}} \geq \lambda \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \right)^{\frac{1}{n+k}} + (1 - \lambda) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g \right)^{\frac{1}{n+k}} .$$

(this is a particular case of the Borell / Brascamp-Lieb inequalities). Conclude the PL inequality by taking $k \rightarrow \infty$ and using that for $a, b > 0$:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (\lambda a^\varepsilon + (1 - \lambda)b^\varepsilon)^{1/\varepsilon} \rightarrow a^\lambda b^{1-\lambda} .$$

- (9) We've seen in class that if $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a log-concave function:

$$\forall \lambda \in [0, 1] \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \geq f(x)^\lambda f(y)^{1-\lambda} ,$$

then $\mu = f(x)dx$ is a log-concave measure:

$$\forall A, B \subset \mathbb{R}^n \quad \mu(\lambda A + (1 - \lambda)B) \geq \mu(A)^\lambda \mu(B)^{1-\lambda} .$$

Show the converse.

- (10) (a) Show that if f is log-concave and integrable, then so are all of its marginals. In other words, show that if $f : \mathbb{R}^{n+m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is log-concave and integrable, then so is $h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, where $h(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} f(x, y) dy$.
- (b) Deduce from part (a) that if $f, g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ are log-concave and integrable, then so is their convolution $f * g(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y)g(x-y)dy$.
- (11) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$. Show that if $0 < p < q$, then the property “ $f^q(t)$ is concave on its support” implies “ $f^p(t)$ is concave on its support”. Passing to the limit $p \rightarrow 0$, show that this implies that $\log f(t) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$ is concave (i.e. that f is log-concave).
- (12) Show that if A is compact in \mathbb{R}^n then so is its Steiner symmetrization $S_H A$.
- (13) Let A be a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^n . Show that $S_H A = A$ for all centered hyperplanes H , if and only if A is a centered Euclidean ball.
- (14) (a) Let $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a convex body, and let E be an m -dimensional subspace. Show that the function:

$$E \ni y \mapsto \text{Vol}(K \cap (y + E^\perp))^{\frac{1}{n-m}} ,$$

is concave on its support.

- (b) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be a function so that $f^{1/k}$ is concave on its support, for some integer k . Denoting:

$$g(y) := \int_{y+E^\perp} f(x) dx ,$$

show that the function:

$$E \ni y \mapsto g(y)^{\frac{1}{n+k-m}} ,$$

is concave on its support. Taking $k \rightarrow \infty$, deduce that when f is log-concave, then so is its marginal g . (Remark: compare with exercise 8(b)).

- (15) Show that the isoperimetric inequality on \mathbb{R}^n :

$$|\partial A| \geq n |D_n|^{1/n} |A|^{(n-1)/n} ,$$

implies the Brunn-Minkowski inequality when one of the sets is a Euclidean ball D :

$$\text{Vol}(A + D)^{1/n} \geq \text{Vol}(A)^{1/n} + \text{Vol}(D)^{1/n} ,$$

(say for sets A with smooth boundary).

- (16) Let K be an origin-symmetric convex body in \mathbb{R}^n and E a linear subspace of dimension k . We proved in class the Rogers–Shephard (RS) inequality:

$$|K| \leq |K \cap E^\perp| |Proj_E K| \leq \binom{n}{k} |K| .$$

- (a) Provide examples demonstrating the sharpness of each inequality.

- (b) As a corollary of RS, deduce that if K is not-necessarily origin-symmetric, then:

$$|K + (-K)| \leq \binom{2n}{n} |K| .$$

Hint: construct an appropriate $L \subset \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ and use RS with an appropriate E . Note that for the RHS of the RS inequality, no assumption on origin-symmetric is required.

- (17) Prove that $\mathbb{R}_+ \ni r \mapsto \text{Vol}(K \cap rD_n)^{1/n}$ is a concave function, for any convex K in \mathbb{R}^n .

- (18) Recall the correspondence between origin-symmetric convex bodies K and norms on \mathbb{R}^n , described in Exercise 1. Show that:

- (a) $\|x\|_{K \cap L} = \max(\|x\|_K, \|y\|_L)$.
 (b) $\|z\|_{\text{conv}(K \cup L)} = \inf \{\|x\|_K + \|y\|_L; z = x + y\}$.
 (c) $\|z\|_{K+L} = \inf \{\max(\|x\|_K, \|y\|_L); z = x + y\}$.

- (19) Recall the definition of the dual norm: $\|y\|^* := \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} |\langle x, y \rangle|$. Show that:

- (a) $\|\cdot\|^*$ is indeed a norm.
 (b) $(\|\cdot\|^*)^* = \|\cdot\|$. Hint: prove that if $x \notin K$ then there exists a separating hyperplane.
 (c) $\|\cdot\|_1 \leq \|\cdot\|_2$ implies $\|\cdot\|_1^* \geq \|\cdot\|_2^*$.

- (20) Let K be an origin-symmetric convex body in \mathbb{R}^n , and recall that the unit-ball of $\|\cdot\|_K^*$ is the polar-set K° . Show that:

- (a) $(K_1 \cap K_2)^\circ = \text{conv}(K_1^\circ \cup K_2^\circ)$.
 (b) $h_{K_1+K_2} = h_{K_1} + h_{K_2}$, where $h_L = \|\cdot\|_L^*$ is the support function of L .
 (c) If $K = [-a\theta, a\theta]$, $\theta \in S^{n-1}$, then $K^\circ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; |\langle x, \theta \rangle| \leq 1/a\}$.
 (d) $K \subset L$ implies $L^\circ \subset K^\circ$.
 (e) If $T \in GL(n)$ then $(TK)^\circ = T^{-*}(K^\circ)$, where $T^{-*} = (T^{-1})^*$. In particular, $(\lambda K)^\circ = \lambda^{-1}K^\circ$.
 (f) Conclude that $d_{BM}(K, L) = d_{BM}(K^\circ, L^\circ)$.

- (21) Show that $M^*(S_H K) \leq M^*(K)$, where $S_H K$ denotes the Steiner symmetral of K with respect to an arbitrary linear hyperplane H . As a corollary, deduce Urysohn's inequality: $|K| = |D_n|$ implies $M^*(K) \geq M^*(D_n) = 1$.

- (22) Let X be a G -homogeneous space, where G is a compact Hausdorff topological group. Recall that the Haar measure μ_X on X is defined by: $\int_X f(x) d\mu_X(x) = \int_G f(gx_0) d\mu_G(g)$, for any fixed $x_0 \in X$. Show that μ_X is the unique (up to positive multiple) G -left-invariant measure on X .

- (23) (a) Let $\theta_0 \in S^{n-1}$, and let $G_{n,k}$ denote the Grassmanian of all k -dimensional linear subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n . Show that the space $G_{n,k}^{\theta_0} := \{E \in G_{n,k}; \theta_0 \in E\}$ is O_{θ_0} -homogeneous for an appropriate compact group O_{θ_0} .

- (b) Using uniqueness of the Haar measure, show that for any continuous function f on $G_{n,k}$:

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} \int_{G_{n,k}^\theta} f(E) d\mu_{G_{n,k}^\theta}(E) d\mu_{S^{n-1}}(\theta) = \int_{G_{n,k}} f(E) d\mu_{G_{n,k}}(E) ,$$

where μ_X denotes the Haar **probability** measure on the compact space X .

- (c) Similarly, show that for any continuous function f on S^{n-1} :

$$\int_{G_{n,k}} \int_{S(E^k)} f(\theta) d\mu_{S(E^k)}(\theta) d\mu_{G_{n,k}}(E^k) = \int_{S^{n-1}} f(\theta) d\mu_{S^{n-1}}(\theta) ,$$

where $E^k \in G_{n,k}$ and $S(E^k) := E^k \cap S^{n-1}$.

- (24) Recall that Steiner's formula states that:

$$Vol(K + tD_n) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} W_{n-i}(K) t^i .$$

Let K be a smooth convex body. Prove using Steiner's formula and integration in polar coordinates that $W_1(K) = Vol(D_n) M^*(K)$, where recall:

$$M^*(K) := \int_{S^{n-1}} h_K(\theta) d\sigma(\theta) .$$

Here σ is the Haar probability measure on S^{n-1} and h_K is the support function of K .

- (25) Prove the following generalized version of Kubota's formula:

$$(*) \quad W_i(K) = \frac{Vol(D_n)}{Vol(D_q)} \int_{G_{n,q}} W_i(Proj_E K) d\mu_{G_{n,q}}(E) \quad \forall 0 \leq i \leq q \leq n,$$

where μ_G denotes the Haar probability measure on the corresponding homogeneous space G . Guidance:

- (a) Using $Vol((K + tD_n) + rD_n) = Vol(K + (t+r)D_n)$ and Steiner's formula (see previous exercise), deduce that:

$$W_j(K + rD_n) = \sum_{i=0}^j \binom{j}{i} W_{j-i}(K) r^i .$$

- (b) Note that the case $q = i = n - 1$ in (*) is exactly Cauchy's formula, proved in class:

$$\frac{Vol_{n-1}(\partial K)}{n} = W_{n-1}(K) = C_n \int_{G_{n,n-1}} Vol_{n-1}(Proj_E K) d\mu_{G_{n,n-1}}(E).$$

- (c) Express the polynomial $W_{n-1}(K + tD_n)$ in two different manners: on the one hand use (a), and on the other hand use (b) and apply Steiner's formula to $Vol_{n-1}(Proj_E(K + tD_n))$. Equating the coefficients of t^{n-1-i}

in both representations, deduce (*) for $q = n - 1$ and general $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$, i.e.:

$$(**) \quad W_i(K) = \frac{\text{Vol}(D_n)}{\text{Vol}(D_{n-1})} \int_{G_{n,n-1}} W_i(\text{Proj}_E K) d\mu_{G_{n,n-1}}(E) \quad \forall 0 \leq i \leq n - 1.$$

(d) Deduce (*) in full generality by reverse induction on q . Assume it holds for $q + 1$, i.e.:

$$W_i(K) = C_{n,i} \int_{G_{n,q+1}} W_i(\text{Proj}_E K) d\mu_{G_{n,q+1}}(E).$$

Proceed by applying (**) with $n = q + 1$ to the integrand, and using double integration:

$$\int_{G_{n,q+1}} \int_{G_{E,q}} f(F) d\mu_{G_{E,q}}(F) d\mu_{G_{n,q+1}}(E) = \int_{G_{n,q}} f(F) d\mu_{G_{n,q}}(F).$$

Here $G_{E,q}$ denotes the Grassmanian of all q dimensional subspaces of $E \in G_{n,q+1}$.

- (26) (a) Show that $M^*([0, x]) = c_n |x|$ with $c_n \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$.
 (b) Given a parallelepiped with side-lengths $\{a_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$ (an affine image of a cube $[0, 1]^n$), denote its 1-dimensional perimeter by $\text{per}_1(K) := \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$. Deduce from (a) that $M^*(K) = c_n \text{per}_1(K)$.
 (c) If K_1, K_2 are two parallelepipeds so that $\text{per}_1(K_1) < \text{per}_1(K_2)$, is it possible to place K_2 inside K_1 (i.e. find a Euclidean isometry T so that $T(K_2) \subset K_1$)?

(27) Recall that the Alexandrov–Fenchel inequality states that:

$$V(K_1, K_2, L_3, \dots, L_n)^2 \geq V(K_1, K_1, L_3, \dots, L_n) V(K_2, K_2, L_3, \dots, L_n),$$

where V denotes mixed-volume. We use the notation $V(K; i, L; n - i)$ to denote the mixed volume of the tuple where K appears i times and L appears $n - i$ times. Using only this, deduce:

- (a) $V(K; i, L; n - i) \geq \text{Vol}(K)^{i/n} \text{Vol}(L)^{(n-i)/n}$.
 (b) More generally, deduce Minkowski's inequality:

$$V(K_1, \dots, K_n) \geq (\prod_{i=1}^n \text{Vol}(K_i))^{1/n}.$$

(c) Specializing (a) to the case $i = n - 1$, we have Minkowski's inequality:

$$V(K; n - 1, L; 1) \geq \text{Vol}(K)^{(n-1)/n} \text{Vol}(L)^{1/n}.$$

Note and explain why the case of $L = D_n$ corresponds to the Euclidean isoperimetric inequality (for convex bodies).

(d) Use the inequality in (c) above and the multi-linearity of the mixed-volumes V to deduce the Brunn–Minkowski inequality:

$$\text{Vol}(K + L)^{1/n} \geq \text{Vol}(K)^{1/n} + \text{Vol}(L)^{1/n}.$$

(e) Generalize all of the above to show that:

$$W_i(K + L)^{1/i} \geq W_i(K)^{1/i} + W_i(L)^{1/i}, \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where recall $W_i(K) = V(K; i, D_n; n - i)$.

(28) Calculate the isotropic constant of the Euclidean ball D_n and the cross-polytope B_1^n having volume 1 in \mathbb{R}^n . Find their asymptotic values as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(29) Complete the proof of John's theorem, stating that if $D_n \subset K$ is the maximal volume ellipsoid inside an origin-symmetric convex body K in \mathbb{R}^n , then $K \subset \sqrt{n}D_n$. Do this by directly arguing that otherwise, there would exist a point $x_0 \notin K$ with $|x_0| > \sqrt{n}$, and hence by convexity $K \supset C := \text{conv}(D_n \cup \{\pm x_0\})$; a contradiction will follow if an ellipsoid is found inside C having even larger volume than D_n .

(30) (a) Show that $K = \sqrt{n}B_1^n$ is in John's position (can use the characterization we learned in class via the isotropic measure supported on contact points of ∂D_n and ∂K).

(b) Deduce by duality that the minimal-volume ellipsoid containing B_∞^n is $\sqrt{n}D_n$.

(c) Deduce from (a) and (b) that $d_{BM}(B_\infty^n, D_n) = \sqrt{n}$.

(31) (a) Calculate the volume of B_p^n , the unit-ball of ℓ_p^n , by integrating the measure $\exp(-\|x\|_{\ell_p^n}^p) dx$ on \mathbb{R}^n .

(b) Deduce that when $p \in [1, 2]$, the volume-ratio $\text{vr}(B_p^n)$ of B_p^n is uniformly bounded by a numeric constant $C > 0$, independent of n and $p \in [1, 2]$. Here the volume-ratio $\text{vr}(K)$ of a body $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is defined as:

$$\text{vr}(K) := \min \left\{ \left(\frac{\text{Vol}(K)}{\text{Vol}(\mathcal{E})} \right)^{1/n}; \text{ ellipsoid } \mathcal{E} \subset K \right\}.$$

(c) If \tilde{D}_n denotes the (centered) Euclidean ball in \mathbb{R}^n of volume 1, calculate $\text{Vol}_{n-1}(\tilde{D}_n \cap H)$ for a (co-dimension 1) hyperplane H , and show that it tends to \sqrt{e} as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(32) Verify that if μ_{S^n} is the Haar probability measure on S^n , then $\mu_{S^n}(B_\theta(x_0)) \geq (c\theta)^n$ for all $\theta \in [0, \pi/2]$, where $B_\theta(x_0)$ is a geodesic ball of radius θ on S^n , $x_0 \in S^n$ is any point, and $c > 0$ is an appropriate constant.

(33) Assume that K is an origin-symmetric convex body in \mathbb{R}^n with smooth boundary. Show that:

$$\nabla \|x\|_K = \frac{1}{h_K(n_{\partial K}(x))} \cdot n_{\partial K}(x) \quad \forall x \in \partial K,$$

where $n_{\partial K}(x)$ denotes the unit outer normal to ∂K at x , and h_K is the corresponding support function.

- (34) Consider the metric-measure space (S^n, d, μ_{S^n}) , where $\mu = \mu_{S^n}$ is the corresponding Haar probability measure, and d is the geodesic distance on S^n . Let $f : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a 1-Lipschitz function, let $m(f)$ denote its median, and define $E(f) = \int f d\mu$.

(a) Show that $|E(f) - m(f)| \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}}$ for some constant $C > 0$.

(b) Show that $0 \leq \sqrt{E(f^2)} - E(|f|) \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}}$ for some constant $C > 0$.

(c) Deduce concentration around $E(f)$, and if $f \geq 0$, also around $\sqrt{E(f^2)}$. In other words, show that:

$$\mu(x \in S^n ; |f(x) - A_f| \geq r) \leq C \exp\left(-\frac{n-1}{2}r^2\right),$$

where A_f is either $E(f)$, and when $f \geq 0$, also $\sqrt{E(f^2)}$, for some constant $C > 0$.

(d) Show that if f is L -Lipschitz, then:

$$\mu(x \in S^n ; f(x) - m(f) \geq r) \leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \exp\left(-\frac{n-1}{2L^2}r^2\right).$$

(e) More generally, show that:

$$\mu(x \in S^n ; f(x) - m(f) \geq \omega_f(r)) \leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \exp\left(-\frac{n-1}{2}r^2\right),$$

where $\omega_f(r) = \sup\{|f(x) - f(y)| ; d(x, y) \leq r\}$ denotes the modulus of continuity of f .

- (35) Show that the Gaussian isoperimetric inequality on $(\mathbb{R}^n, |\cdot|, \gamma_n)$, where γ_n denotes the standard Gaussian measure on \mathbb{R}^n , namely:

$$\gamma_n(A) = \gamma_n(H) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma_n^+(A) \geq \gamma_n^+(H),$$

implies:

$$\gamma_n(A) = \gamma_n(H) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma_n(A_r) \geq \gamma_n(H_r), \quad \forall r > 0.$$

Here H is (any) half-plane, $\gamma_n^+(C)$ denote the Gaussian boundary measure of a Borel set $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, and C_r denote the r -extension of C .

Guidance: mimic the proof we saw in class for the Sphere.

- (36) Let A denote a $k \times n$ random matrix with i.i.d. standard Gaussian entries. Show that with very high-probability (quantify this!), the map $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ given by $T(x) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}Ax$ is a good ‘‘Johnson-Lindenstrauss’’ map, i.e.:

$$(1 - \varepsilon)|z|_{\mathbb{R}^n} \leq |T(z)|_{\mathbb{R}^k} \leq (1 + \varepsilon)|z|_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

with very high-probability for a fixed $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

- (37) Assume that on a metric-measure (probability) space (Ω, d, μ) we know that:

$$\forall A \subset \Omega \quad \mu(A) \geq 1/2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu(\Omega \setminus A_r) < K(r) \quad \forall r > 0.$$

Show that:

$$\forall A \subset \Omega \quad \mu(A) \geq K(\varepsilon_0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu(\Omega \setminus A_{r+\varepsilon_0}) < K(r) \quad \forall r > 0.$$

Deduce that on S^n , we have the following concentration property:

$$\mu(A) \geq \sqrt{\pi/8} \exp(-\frac{n-1}{2}\varepsilon_0^2) \Rightarrow \mu(S^n \setminus A_{2\varepsilon_0}) \leq \sqrt{\pi/8} \exp(-\frac{n-1}{2}\varepsilon_0^2).$$

(38) Let $k = k(n-1, \varepsilon)$ be as defined in class, namely a value of k which guarantees that for any continuous function on S^{n-1} :

$$\mu_{G_{n,k}} \left\{ E^k \in G_{n,k}; \forall x \in S(E^k) \quad |f(x) - m(f)| \leq \omega_f(\varepsilon) \right\} \geq 1 - \exp(-\frac{n-2}{4}\varepsilon^2).$$

Assume that $A \subset S^{n-1}$ is such that for every $E^k \in G_{n,k}$, $A \cap E^k \neq \emptyset$. Then there exists a $E_0^k \in G_{n,k}$ so that $E_0^k \cap S^{n-1} \subset A_{2\varepsilon}$.

Guidance: define the right Lipschitz function f and use a similar argument to the one in the previous exercise.

(39) Recall that:

$$M_p(K) := \left(\int_{S^{n-1}} \|x\|_K^p d\mu_{S^{n-1}}(x) \right)^{1/p}, \quad \Gamma_p(K) := \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \|x\|_K^p d\gamma_n(x) \right)^{1/p},$$

and that we showed in class that $\Gamma_2(K) = \sqrt{n}M_2(K)$ for any (say origin-symmetric) convex K .

(a) Show by direct calculation that $\Gamma_1(K) \simeq \sqrt{(n)}M_1(K)$. Here $A \simeq B$ means that the ratio of A and B is bounded from above and from below by two numerical constants, independent of the dimension.

(b) Show the “reverse Jensen inequality”: $M_p(K) \leq C\sqrt{p}M_1(K)$.

Guidance: we showed that:

$$\mu_{S^{n-1}}(|\|x\|_K - M_1(K)| \geq tM_1(K)) \leq C \exp(-cnt^2(M_1(K)/b(K))^2) \leq C \exp(-c't^2);$$

now repeat the proof of the reverse Holder inequality we gave in class for semi-norms on log-concave distributions (corollary of Borell's Lemma).

(c) Deduce (a) again from (b) without performing any calculations.

(40) Prove that for any ellipsoid \mathcal{E} in \mathbb{R}^k (i.e. a linear image of a Euclidean ball), there exists a subspace F of dimension $\lceil k/2 \rceil$ so that $\mathcal{E} \cap F = R_{\mathcal{E}}B_F$, i.e. the section by F is a Euclidean ball (of a certain radius $R_{\mathcal{E}}$).

(41) Prove the following estimates:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{t}{t^2 + 1} \exp(-t^2/2) \leq \text{Prob}(\gamma_1 > t) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{t} \exp(-t^2/2) \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Hint for the left-hand inequality - try to take derivatives.

(42) Show that for any $E \in G_{n,k}$, $\Gamma_2(K) \geq \Gamma_2(K \cap E)$, and hence $M_2(K \cap E) \leq \sqrt{n/k}M_2(K)$. Using $k = 1$, deduce that $b(K) \leq \sqrt{n}M_2(K)$.

Guidance: repeat the proof of the proposition where we showed that in John's position, $M(K)/b(K) \geq c\sqrt{\log n}/\sqrt{n}$.

(43) Show that $\text{Med}(\|\cdot\|)\text{Med}(\|\cdot\|^*) \geq 1$. Here $\text{Med} = m$ denotes a median of its argument on S^{n-1} .

- (44) Show that for any convex set K and Euclidean ball D , $N(K, D) = \bar{N}(K, D)$, where N is the covering number, and \bar{N} is the covering number where the points are required to all lie inside K .
- (45) Show that if K, T, D are three origin-symmetric convex bodies, then for any $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$|(K \cap (z + D)) + T| \leq |(K \cap D) + T| .$$

Hint: use Brunn's concavity principle and the origin-symmetry.

- (46) Given an origin-symmetric K , an M -ellipsoid \mathcal{E}_K of K was defined as an ellipsoid \mathcal{E} so that:

$$\max \{N(K, \mathcal{E}_K), N(\mathcal{E}_K, K), N(K^\circ, \mathcal{E}_K^\circ), N(\mathcal{E}_K^\circ, K^\circ)\} \leq \exp(Cn),$$

for some constant $C > 0$. Show that it is always possible to ensure that $|\mathcal{E}_K| = |K|$ (perhaps after changing the value of the constant C).

- (47) Let K, T denote two origin-symmetric convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n .

(a) Show that the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) $\exists C_1 > 0$ so that $N(K, T) \leq \exp(C_1 n)$.
- (ii) $\exists C_2 > 0$ so that $|K \cap T| \geq \exp(-C_2 n) |K|$.
- (iii) $\exists C_3 > 0$ so that $|\text{Conv}(K^\circ \cup T^\circ)| \leq \exp(C_3 n) |K^\circ|$.

The equivalence is in the sense that C_i depends solely on C_j .

Guidance: recreate the proof we have seen in class for the directions (i) \Rightarrow (ii) and (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) for $T = D_n$. Close the equivalence (by showing (ii) \Rightarrow (i) and (iii) \Rightarrow (ii), or by showing (iii) \Rightarrow (i) directly).

(b) Use Part (a) to show that $N(K, T) \leq \exp(C_1 n)$ and $|K| \geq \exp(-C_1 n) |T|$ together imply $N(K^\circ, T^\circ) \leq \exp(C_2 n)$.

(c) Use Part (b) to show that the following statements are equivalent (without quoting the duality-of-entropy conjecture or theorem):

- (i) $\exists C_1 > 0$ so that $\max \{N(K, T), N(T, K)\} \leq \exp(C_1 n)$.
- (ii) $\exists C_2 > 0$ so that $\max \{N(K^\circ, T^\circ), N(T^\circ, K^\circ)\} \leq \exp(C_2 n)$

Again, the equivalence is in the sense that C_1 depends solely on C_2 , and vice versa.

(d) Show that the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) D_n is an M -ellipsoid of K with constant $C_1 > 0$ (" K is in M -position").
- (ii) $\exists C_2 > 0$ so that $|K \cap D_n| \geq \exp(-C_2 n) |D_n|$ and $|\text{Conv}(K \cup D_n)| \leq \exp(C_2 n) |D_n|$.
- (iii) $\exists C_3 > 0$ so that $|K^\circ \cap D_n| \geq \exp(-C_3 n) |D_n|$ and $|\text{Conv}(K^\circ \cup D_n)| \leq \exp(C_3 n) |D_n|$.

Again, the equivalence is in the sense that C_i depends solely on C_j .