

# Lecture 7 Concentration

IEMS 402 Statistical Learning

Northwestern

# Asymptotic VS Non-Asymptotic

# Drawback of Asymptotic Theory

Asymptotic :  $\hat{\theta}_n(T_n - \theta^*) \rightarrow T \quad N(0, I_{\theta^*}^{-1})$

$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$  :  $d$  is high.

Total Variance  $\propto d \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{d}{n}}$  ← Final Error

In most of the case.  $d \propto n$  then  $\sqrt{\frac{d}{n}}$  is  $O(1)$

$n \rightarrow \infty$

$O(1)$  distance to convergence.

The background of the image consists of several thin, light purple lines that intersect and cross each other in various directions, creating a complex, abstract pattern. The lines are thin and have a soft, muted purple color. The overall effect is a subtle, geometric design that frames the central text.

**Concentration**



# First sense of Concentration

inequalities of the form

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq t) \leq \phi(t)$$

Annotations:  $\#n$  (pointing to  $X$ ), Randomly sampled data (pointing to  $X$ ),  $\phi(n, \epsilon)$  (pointing to  $\phi(t)$ )

where  $\phi$  goes to zero (quickly) as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

Error/risk

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$$\mathbb{P}(X^2 \geq t^2) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}{t^2} \quad (\text{Markov's Inequality})$$

different convergence rate n.p.  $t$

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↓  
 $\frac{1}{t^3}$

# Moment Generating Function

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A function

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Control the reweighting the poly terms.

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$$Y = X_1 + X_2$$

$$M_Y(t) = M_{X_1}(t) M_{X_2}(t)$$

## Sum of Independent Random Variables:

Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are  $n$  independent random variables, and the random variable  $Y$  is defined as

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} M_Y(s) &= \mathbb{E}[e^{sY}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[e^{s(X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n)}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[e^{sX_1} e^{sX_2} \dots e^{sX_n}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[e^{sX_1}] \mathbb{E}[e^{sX_2}] \dots \mathbb{E}[e^{sX_n}] \quad (\text{since the } X_i\text{'s are independent}) \\ &= M_{X_1}(s) M_{X_2}(s) \dots M_{X_n}(s). \end{aligned}$$

# Chernoff bound

$$P(X \geq a) \leq \inf_{t>0} M(t)e^{-ta}$$

$$\downarrow \\ \mathbb{E}[e^{tx}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}(X \geq a)$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(e^{tX} \geq e^{ta}) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{tX}]}{e^{ta}}$$

$$= M(t) e^{-ta}$$

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sub-Gaussian random variable

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Reason 1:  $\sigma^2$  is "Variance"

Reason 2

$X_1 + X_2 = Y \rightarrow$  is  $\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$  sub-Gaussian

$$M_{X_1}(t) M_{X_2}(t) = M_Y(t)$$

$$\exp\left(\frac{t^2 \sigma_1^2}{2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{t^2 \sigma_2^2}{2}\right)$$

$$\exp\left(\frac{t^2 (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}{2}\right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\exp(\lambda X)] \leq \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2 \sigma^2}{2}\right) \text{ for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Moment Generating function of a Gaussian

Exercise

Var is  $\sigma^2$

Example

If  $X \in [a, b]$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[\exp(\lambda(X - \mathbb{E}[X]))] \leq \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2 (b-a)^2}{8}\right).$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} (b-a)^2$$



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$$\mathbb{P}(X - \mathbb{E}[X] \geq t) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

# Hoeffding Inequality

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  is  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2)$ -sub gaussian.



Corollary (Hoeffding bounds)  $\Rightarrow$

If  $X_i$  are independent  $\sigma_i^2$ -sub-Gaussian random variables,

set probability to be  $\Delta$  (a  $O(1)$ ),  $t = O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]) \geq t\right) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}\right) \rightarrow \text{this is a constant}$$

Should be  $O(1/\sqrt{n})$ ?

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] \geq nt\right) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{(nt)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}\right)$$

► usually stated as  $X_i \in [a, b]$ , so bound is  $\exp\left(-\frac{2nt^2}{(b-a)^2}\right)$

# Moment Generating Function is Powerful

Not Required

## Bernstein's Inequality

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \geq t\right) \vee \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq -t\right) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{2\sigma^2 + 2ct/3}\right),$$

$\sigma^2$ : variance       $|X_i| \leq c$

*different thing*

Special case:  $\sigma$  is 0

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{ct}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{nt}{c}\right) \rightarrow t=0\left(\frac{t}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Homework 5, Question 3

# Moment Generating Function is Powerful

## Proposition

Not Required

Let  $\{Z_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be  $\sigma^2$ -sub-Gaussian (not necessarily independent).

Then

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_i Z_i \right] \leq \sqrt{2\sigma^2 \log N} \quad \Rightarrow \text{max of } n\text{-random variables is } \log N !!$$

$\exp(\sqrt{2\sigma^2 \log N})$

↓

$$\exp(\mathbb{E}[\max_i Z_i]) \leq \mathbb{E}[\exp(t \max_i Z_i)]$$

↑

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \exp(t Z_i) \right] = O(N)$$

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**Application**

# Johnson-Lindenstrauss Lemma

**Lemma** For any  $0 < \epsilon < 1$  and any integer  $n$  let  $k$  be a positive integer such that

$$k \geq \frac{2^4}{3\epsilon^2} \log n \quad (2)$$

$\epsilon$  is the error  $\nearrow$  error  $\nearrow$  error  
 $3\epsilon^2$  number of projection  $\nearrow$  log of max of  $\#(i,j)$ -pair r.v.

then for any set  $A$  of  $n$  points  $\in \mathbb{R}^d$  there exists a map  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  such that for all  $x_i, x_j \in A$

$$(1 - \epsilon) \|x_i - x_j\|^2 \leq \|f(x_i) - f(x_j)\|^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon) \|x_i - x_j\|^2 \quad (3)$$

prob  $p$  fails at a  $(i,j)$  pair

$$\|R(x_i - x_j)\| \approx \|x_i - x_j\|$$

$\leq O(n^3 p)$  to fail the

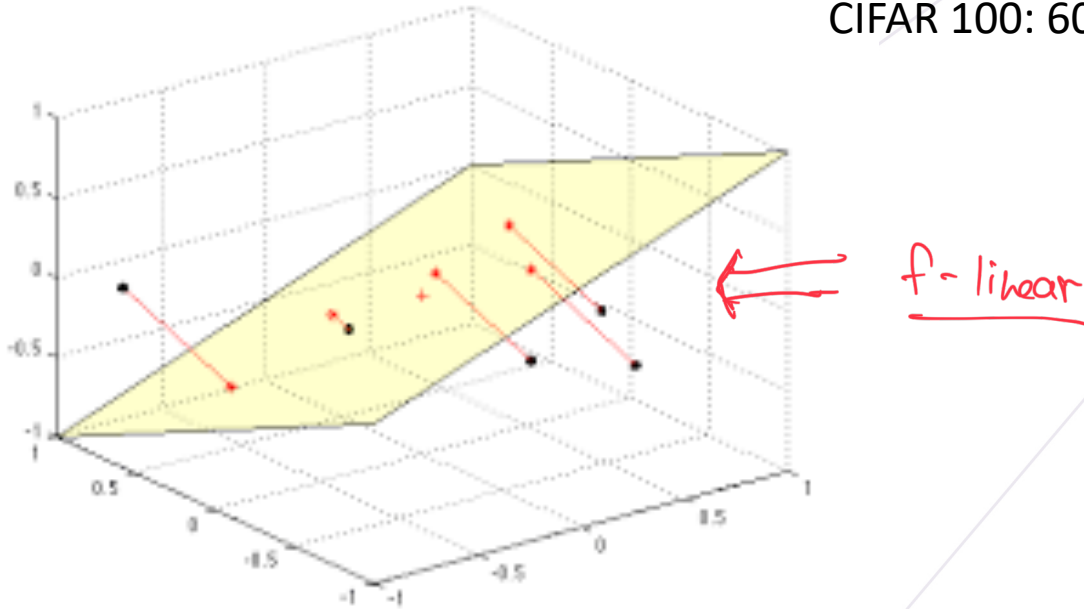
whole problem  $\Rightarrow$  set  $p$  to be  $O(\frac{1}{n^3})$

How many  $(i,j)$  pairs?  $O(n^2)$

<https://cs.stanford.edu/people/mmahoney/cs369m/Lectures/lecture1.pdf>

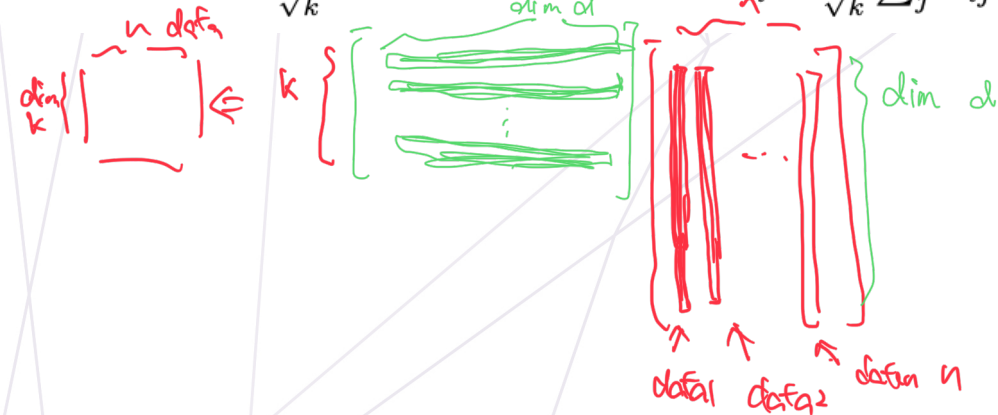
# Why it's important

CIFAR 100: 6000 32x32 images,



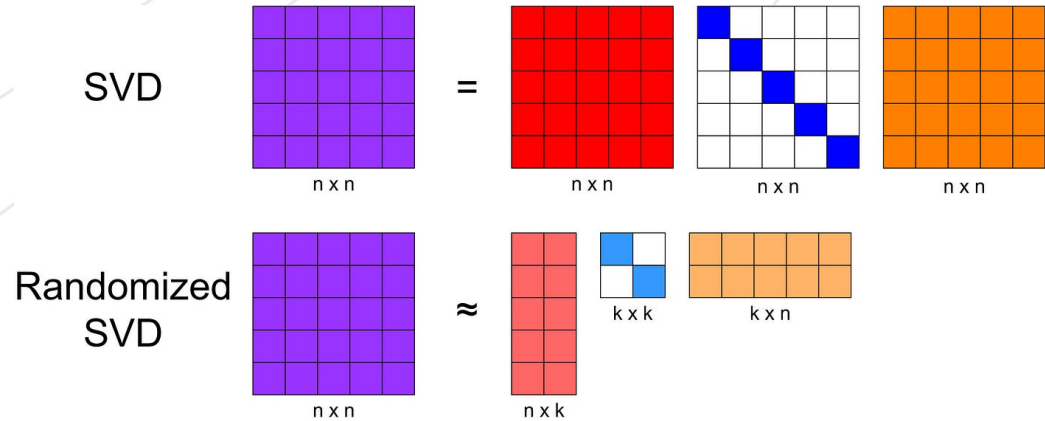
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Halko, Nathan, Per-Gunnar Martinsson, and Joel A. Tropp. "Finding structure with randomness: Probabilistic algorithms for constructing approximate matrix decompositions." SIAM review

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**Fact 1.**  $\mathbb{E}[\|v\|^2] = \|u\|^2$   $\rightarrow$  *normalize  $\mathbb{E}[v]$*

$u \in \mathbb{R}^d, r \in \mathbb{R}^d, r \sim N(0, I)$  *covariance*

$$\mathbb{E}[(u \cdot r)^2] = \mathbb{E}[u^T r r^T u] = u^T \mathbb{E}[r r^T] u = u^T I u = u^T u = \|u\|^2$$

$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^d u_i \cdot r_i \right] \Rightarrow N(0, u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_d^2)$   *$N(0, 1)$*   $\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[(u \cdot r)^2] = \|u\|^2$

**Question.**  $\mathbb{P}(\|v\|^2 \geq (1 + \epsilon)\|u\|^2)$  Assume  $\|u\| = 1$

# Random projection

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$$\text{Means } \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2}{k} \geq (1 + \epsilon)$$

$k$  of  
 $\downarrow$  1-dim  
projections

$$x_i = R_i^T \cdot u$$

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Thus  $\mathbb{P}[e^{\lambda(1+\epsilon)k}] \leq \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2\lambda}}\right)^k \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\lambda(1+\epsilon)k}}$

$\mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda x_i}]$  is the moment generating function of a  $\chi^2$ .

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$\leq e^{-(\epsilon^2/2 - \epsilon^3)k/2} \leq n^{-2}$  Why?

Uniform bound!

# Note

Not Required

another proof using epsilon-net: **Theorem 8.**

<https://www.cs.princeton.edu/~smattw/Teaching/Fa19Lectures/lec9/lec9.pdf>