A Measure-Theoretic Dvoretzky Theorem and Applications to Data Science

SEPC in honor of Elizabeth Meckes

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My last communication

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Thanks for asking about the workshop, but I don't think I really have anything suitable to talk about. The bigger reason, though, is that I am unfortunately in the middle of a really shitty health crisis, and it seems fairly likely that I'll be pretty much out of commission for a while, so I can't make any commitments at the moment. Sorry. :(

What random projections of high-dimensional data or high-dimensional distributions look like?

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- 6. Tightest result by Elizabeth (a) entropy methods and (b) use geometric ideas/arguments.

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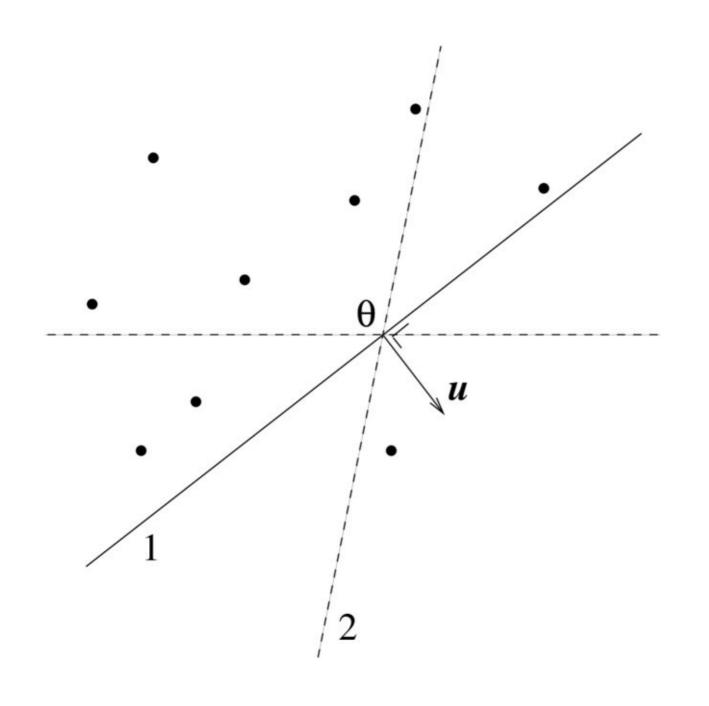
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- 4) Answer: pre-Elizabeth $k = o(\log(d))$; Elizabeth $k < \frac{2 \log d}{\log(\log(d))}$.

Data Science to Math

Tukey and data depth



Are there interesting projection directions?

Data $D_n = \{x_1, ..., x_n\}$, and random projection matrix P

 $depth(\theta, D_n; P) = \frac{1}{n} \# \{i : P^T x_i \ge P^T \theta\}$

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- 3) WHP no interesting directions: Diaconis & Freedman, Sudakov

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Let $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ be distributed uniformly on the sphere, and $\mu_{\nu}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \delta_{\langle \theta, x_i \rangle}$. As μ_{ν}^{θ} tends to $N(0, \sigma^2)$ weakly in probability.

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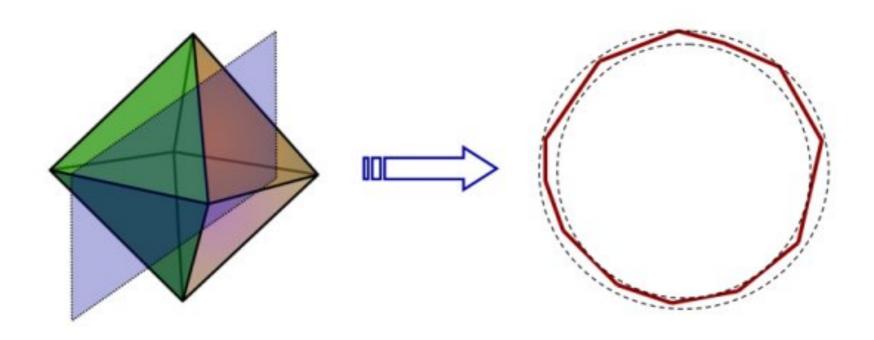
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Stein's method of exchangeable pairs.

Dvoretzky's theorem

A conjecture by Grothendieck: Given a symmetric convex body in Euclidean space of sufficiently high dimensionality, the body will have nearly spherical sections.



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Theorem (Dvoretzky)

For every $d \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ the following holds. Let $|\cdot|$ be the Euclidean norm on \mathbb{R}^d , and let $||\cdot||$ be an arbitrary norm. Then there exists a subspace $X \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ with $\dim(X) \geq c(\varepsilon) \log d$, and a number A > 0 so that for every $x \in X$

$$A|x| \leq ||x|| \leq (1+\varepsilon)A|x|.$$

Here, $c(\varepsilon) > 0$ is a constant that depends only on ε .

A central limit theorem for convex sets

Theorem (Klartag)

Let X be a random vector in \mathbb{R}^n with an isotropic log-concave density. There are decreasing sequences ε_n and δ_n for which there exists a subset $\Theta \subset \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ with $\sigma_{n-1}(\Theta) \geq 1 - \delta_n$ such that for all $\theta \in \Theta$

$$d_{TV}(\langle X, \theta \rangle, Z) < \varepsilon_n, \quad Z \sim N(0, 1).$$

Also

$$\varepsilon_n \leq C \frac{\log\log n + 2}{\log n + 1}, \quad \delta_n \leq \exp(-cn^{.99}).$$

Random subspaces

The Stiefel manifold is the set

$$\mathcal{M}_{d,k} = \left\{ (\theta_1, ..., \theta_k) : \theta_j \in \mathbb{R}^d, \langle \theta_i, \theta_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \right\}.$$

 $\mathcal{M}_{d,k}$ has a rotation-invariant Haar probability measure.

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For $\theta \in \mathcal{M}_{d,k}$ set X_{θ} as the projection of X onto the span of θ .

Fix $\delta \in (0,2)$ and let $k = \delta \frac{\log(d)}{\log(\log(d))}$. Then there is a c > 0

depending on δ , L, L' such that for $\varepsilon = \frac{2}{[\log(d)]^c}$, there is a subset

 $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_{d,k}$ with $\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{I}^c] \leq Ce^{-c'd\varepsilon^2}$, such that for all $\theta \in \mathcal{I}$

$$d_{BL}(X_{\theta}, \sigma Z) \leq C' \varepsilon$$
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- 2. Multivariate channel in communication systems
- 3. Signal acquisition in compressed sensing

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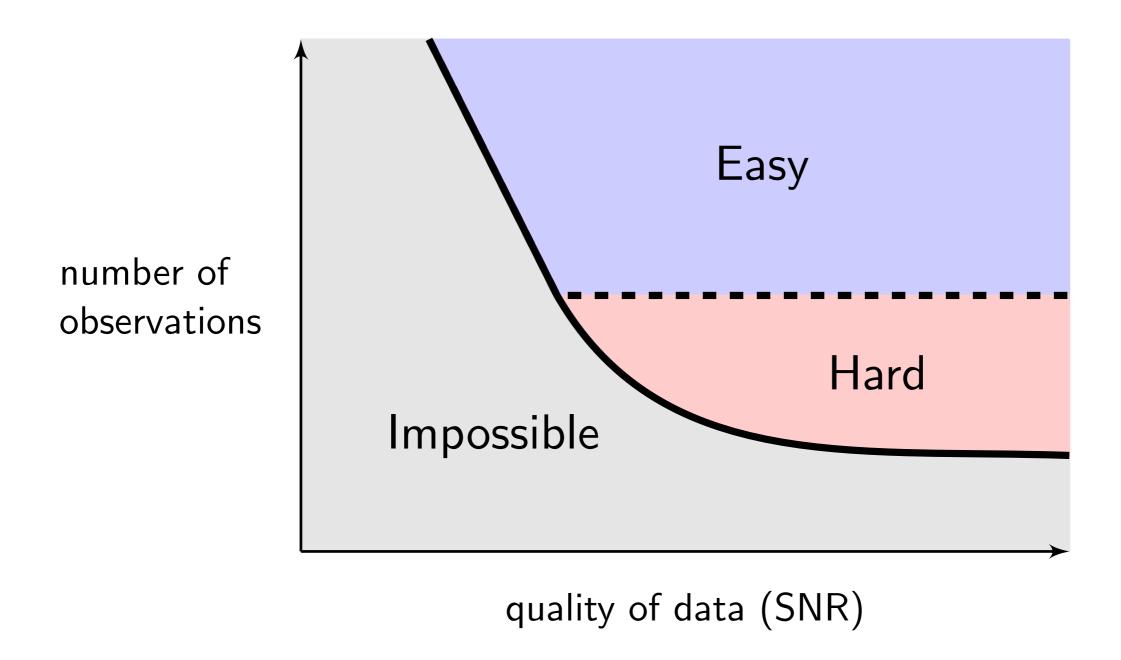
Approximate message-passing (AMP) algorithm

- 1. Initialize $x^0 = 0$
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$$x^{t+1} = \eta(\Theta^{T} \varepsilon^{t} + x^{t}),$$

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Typical phase diagram



Algorithms for approximate inference

Variational Inference

Expectation consistent framework Opper & Winther 2004

Approximate message passing (AMP) with precise analysis via state evolution formalism

- AMP Donoho et al. 2009, Bayati & Montanari 2011
- ► GAMP Rangan, 2011
- S-AMP Çakmak, Winther, Fleury, 2014
- ► O-AMP Ma & Ping 2016
- VAMP Rangan, Schniter, Fletcher, 2016
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Replica method and compressed sensing

Guo et al. 2008, Korada & Macris 2010, R. & Gastpar 2012, Wu & Verdu 2012, Krzakala et al. 2012, Donoho et al. 2013, Tulino et al. 2013, Huleihel & Merhav 2016

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Focus on multilayer models

- ML-AMP Manoel, Krzakala, Mézard, Zdeborová 2017
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Elizabeth – "We long suspected concentration of measure and compressed sensing were somehow linked, these papers make the connection clear."

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Lemma (Johnson-Lindenstrauss)

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$$(1-\varepsilon)\|x_i-x_j\|\leq \|\Theta(x_i)-\Theta(x_j)\|\leq (1+\varepsilon)\|x_i-x_j\|.$$

An example: Random projections $\Theta_{ij} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0,1)$ preserve isometries.

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Do random projections:

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- 2) How is this different than preserving isometries?
- 3) What do random projections do to critical points?

Projections and genetics

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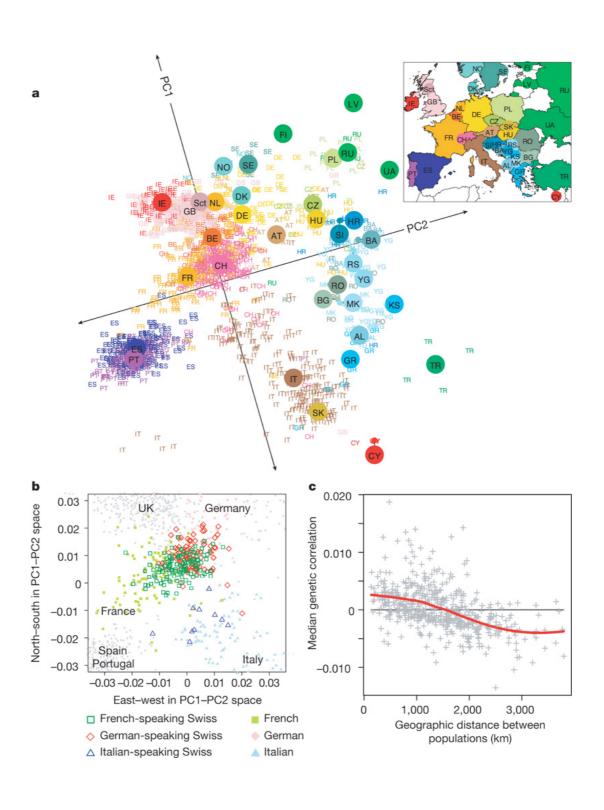
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Genetic data encodes population history

From Novembre et al 2008 (Nature)



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$$n' = \frac{(m+1)\left(\sum_{i}\lambda_{i}\right)^{2}}{\left((m-1)\sum_{i}\lambda_{i}^{2}\right) - \left(\sum_{i}\lambda_{i}\right)^{2}}.$$

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Yes: use random projections and the power method: Fast Principal-Component Analysis Reveals Convergent Evolution of ADH1B in Europe and East Asia, American Journal of Human Genetics, 2016.