

Volumes in High Dimensions - Home Work 3

It is highly recommended to do all the questions. You need to submit the solution to question 1 or 3.

Question 1 Let $f_1, \dots, f_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be measurable functions with $\left| \sum_{j=1}^n f_j^2 - n \right| \leq 1$. Assume that $\forall \theta \in S^{n-1}$ we have

$$\int_0^1 \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j f_j \right)^2 \leq n^{1/10}.$$

Prove that $\exists \mathcal{F} \subseteq S^{n-1}$ with $\sigma_{n-1}(\mathcal{F}) \geq 1 - 1/n$ such that for all $\theta \in \mathcal{F}$ we have

$$\left| m \left\{ x \in [0, 1]; \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_j f_j \geq t \right\} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-s^2/2} \right| \leq \frac{C}{n^\alpha}, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $C, \alpha > 0$.

Question 2

1. Prove that $(\varepsilon/\sqrt{n})\mathbb{Z}^n \cap B_2^n$ is an ε -net for B_2^n of size $(c/\varepsilon)^n$.
(Hint: $B_2^n \subseteq \sqrt{n}B_1^n$, and estimate the size of $(\varepsilon/\sqrt{n})\mathbb{Z}^n \cap \sqrt{n}B_1^n$ by elementary combinatorics)
2. Let $0 < \varepsilon < 1$. Let $\mathcal{N} = \{X_1, \dots, X_m\}$ be independent uniform points on S^{n-1} , where $m > (1/\varepsilon)^n$. Prove that

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N} \text{ is an } \varepsilon\text{-net}) \geq 1 - C \exp(-c(1/\varepsilon)^n),$$

for some $C, c > 0$. (Hint: $\exists \tilde{\mathcal{N}}$ which is an ε -net on S^{n-1})

Question 3 Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a centrally symmetric convex body, such that $B_2^n \subseteq K$. Assume that there exists an isotropic measure μ that is supported on the contact points of K and B_2^n .

Here we use the following definition of isotropic measures on the sphere: for all x we have

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle x, u \rangle^2 d\mu(u) = \frac{1}{n} |x|^2.$$

1. Let

$$L = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n; \langle y, u \rangle \leq 1, \forall u \in \text{supp}(\mu)\}.$$

Show that $K \subseteq L$.

2. Let $E \subseteq L$ be an ellipsoid defined by

$$E = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n; \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\langle x, v_i \rangle^2}{\alpha_i^2} \leq 1 \right\},$$

for some orthonormal set v_1, \dots, v_n , and positive $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$. For any $u \in \text{supp}(\mu)$ we define

$$y(u) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \langle u, v_i \rangle v_i.$$

Show that $y(u) \in E$ and conclude that $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \langle u, v_i \rangle^2 \leq 1$.

3. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \leq 1.$$

(Hint: use part 2 of the question)

4. Show that $\text{Vol}(E) \leq \text{Vol}(B_2^n)$, and conclude that B_2^n is maximal at K .
(Hint: arithmetic-geometric inequality.)