

Le deficit dans l'inégalité de Log-Sobolev gaussienne et la conjecture de Mahler

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So, in this case,

$$K = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n : x \cdot y \leq 1, \forall y \in K^\circ\}.$$

(standardized way to write K as an intersection of half spaces).

Polar of convex bodies

Simple fact : The bigger is K , the smaller is K° .

For example, if $p, q \geq 1$ are such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, then

$$(B_p^n)^\circ = B_q^n,$$

where

$$B_p^n = \left\{ x \in \mathbf{R}^n : \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \leq 1 \right\}$$

denotes the ℓ_p unit ball of \mathbf{R}^n .

Santaló Inequality (1949)

Theorem

If $K \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ is a centrally symmetric convex body, then

$$\text{Vol}(K)\text{Vol}(K^\circ) \leq \text{Vol}(B_2^n)^2,$$

where Vol denotes the Lebesgue measure on \mathbf{R}^n .

Inverse Santaló inequality : the Mahler conjecture

Conjecture (Mahler 1939)

- 1 If K is centrally symmetric, then

$$\text{Vol}(K)\text{Vol}(K^\circ) \geq \text{Vol}(B_1^n)\text{Vol}(B_\infty^n) = \frac{4^n}{n!}$$

- 2 For a general convex body K ,

$$\text{Vol}(K)\text{Vol}(K^\circ) \geq \text{Vol}(\Delta^n)\text{Vol}((\Delta^n)^\circ) = \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(n!)^2}$$

where Δ^n is any non-degenerate simplex of \mathbf{R}^n .

Known cases

- 1 Mahler proved the conjectures in dimension 2. Alternative proof by M. Meyer (1991).
- 2 Iriyeh and Shibata (2020) recently proved the conjecture (for symmetric convex bodies) in dimension 3. Alternative proof by M. Fradelizi, A. Hubard, M. Meyer, E. Roldan-Pensado and A. Zvavitch (preprint, 2019).

- 3 Saint-Raymond (1981) showed that the (symmetric) Mahler conjecture holds true for unconditional convex bodies, that is to say convex body K satisfying

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in K \Rightarrow (\varepsilon_1 x_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n x_n) \in K,$$

for all $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n) \in \{-1, 1\}^n$.

- 4 Bourgain and Milman (1987) showed that Mahler conjecture is asymptotically true : there exists some absolute constant $\alpha > 0$ such that for all $n \geq 1$ and all convex body $K \subset \mathbf{R}^n$, it holds

$$P(K) \geq \alpha^n P(\Delta^n).$$

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where $\|x\|_K = \inf\{\lambda \geq 0 : x \in \lambda K\}$, $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$.

Functional form of the Santaló inequality

As proved by Ball (1987) in the case of even functions and then extended by Artstein-Avidan, Klartag and Milman (2004) and Fradelizi and Meyer (2007), the Santaló inequality admits the following functional form :

Theorem

For any measurable function $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ such that $0 < \int e^{-f} dx < +\infty$, there exists $a \in \mathbf{R}^n$ such that

$$\int e^{-f_a} dx \int e^{-(f_a)^*} dx \leq (2\pi)^n,$$

where $f_a(x) = f(x - a)$, $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$. When f is even, a can be chosen to be 0.

More generally, if $\int xe^{-f(x)} dx = 0$, then a can be chosen to be 0 (Lehec 2009).

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Transport and Entropy

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as soon as $\log^- \left(\frac{d\nu}{dm} \right) \frac{d\nu}{dm}$ is m -integrable.

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The following improvement of the symmetric Talagrand inequality is due to Max Fathi :

Theorem (Fathi (2018))

For all probability measures ν_1, ν_2 on \mathbf{R}^n , one of which is centered, it holds

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This result can be derived from Santaló inequality (and implies it back). So it can be considered as a transport-entropy form of the Santaló inequality.

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Optimizing over f gives the claim.

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For the other direction, one needs the following reverse duality expressing L as conjugate of K .

Theorem (G. 2020)

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So (*) is some bivariate version of the Euclidean log-Sobolev inequality.

- Moreover if $V < +\infty$ on \mathbf{R}^n , then

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Gaussian version

Definition

The Fisher information of $\eta(dx) = h(x) \gamma_n(dx)$ with respect to γ_n is defined by

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Remark : Usually, Fisher information is defined as above only for $h^{1/2} \in W^{1,2}(\gamma_n)$ (and $+\infty$ otherwise).

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$$H(\eta_1|\gamma_n) + \frac{1}{2} W_2^2(\nu_1, \lambda_{C_n}) \leq \frac{n}{2} \log\left(\frac{\pi e}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} I(\eta_1|\gamma_n).$$

Optimality : Consider the sequence of 1d probability measures $(\alpha_k)_{k \geq 1}$ given by

$\alpha_k(dx) = \frac{1}{Z_k} e^{-V_k(x)} dx$, with

$$V_k(x) = \begin{cases} k|x-1| & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in [-1, 1] \\ k|x+1| & \text{if } x \leq -1 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad Z_k = \frac{2(k+1)}{k}.$$

When $k \rightarrow \infty$, α_k approximates the uniform measure on $[-1, 1]$ (equality case in the functional version).

Taking $\eta_1 = (\alpha_k)^{\otimes n}$, one sees that the difference between left and right hand sides of the inequality goes to 0 as $k \rightarrow +\infty$.

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The symmetric case in dimension 1

Theorem (G. - Zugmeyer (2020))

If η_1, η_2 are symmetric log-concave probability measures on \mathbf{R} with a continuous density, then

$$H(\eta_1 \mid \text{Leb}) + H(\eta_2 \mid \text{Leb}) \leq -2(\log 2 + 1) + \mathcal{T}(\nu_1, \nu_2)$$

where ν_1, ν_2 are the moment measures of η_1, η_2 .

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The non-symmetric case

Similar ideas work for the non-symmetric case in dimension one.

Theorem (G. - Zugmeyer (2020))

If η_1, η_2 are log-concave probability measures on \mathbf{R} with a continuous density, then

$$H(\eta_1 \mid \text{Leb}) + H(\eta_2 \mid \text{Leb}) \leq -3 + \mathcal{T}(\nu_1, \nu_2)$$

where ν_1, ν_2 are the moment measures of η_1, η_2 .

Open questions

- 1 How to recover the unconditional case in dimension n ?
In dimension 2, some tensorization arguments with the Knothe coupling partially work but only give the result for unconditional convex potentials $V : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x \partial y} \geq 0$ on \mathbf{R}_+^2 .
- 2 How to recover the 2 dimensional transport-entropy version of Mahler conjecture?
- 3 Is it possible to recover the Bourgain-Milman theorem using transport arguments?