

# Sampling discretization problem for $L^1$ norm

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# Sampling discretization problem

- $C > c > 0$  — fixed
- $L \subset L^p := L^p(\Omega, \mu) \cap C(\Omega)$  —  $N$ -dimensional

## Main question:

For what  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  there are  $X_1, \dots, X_m \in \Omega$  such that

$$c \|f\|_p^p \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m |f(X_j)|^p \leq C \|f\|_p^p \quad \forall f \in L?$$

Here  $\|f\|_p := \left( \int_{\Omega} |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}$ .

## Comments

- $m \geq N \Rightarrow$  we are interested in the conditions on  $L$  under which  $m$  is close to  $N$
- **Sampling discretization with weights:**  
For what  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  there are  $X_1, \dots, X_m \in \Omega$  and numbers  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  such that

$$c \|f\|_p^p \leq \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j |f(X_j)|^p \leq C \|f\|_p^p \quad \forall f \in L?$$

- Special case:  $C = 1 + \varepsilon$ ,  $c = 1 - \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$

## Nikolskii-type inequality assumption

**Definition.** Subspace  $L$  satisfies  $(\infty, q)$  Nikolskii-type inequality assumption (with constant  $M > 0$ ) if

$$\sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)| = \|f\|_{\infty} \leq MN^{1/q} \|f\|_q \quad \forall f \in L.$$

**For  $q = 2$ :**  $\{u_1, \dots, u_N\}$  – orthonormal basis in  $L$

$$\sup_{x \in \Omega} (|u_1(x)|^2 + \dots + |u_N(x)|^2)^{1/2} \leq M\sqrt{N}.$$

## Case $p = 2$

**Theorem (V. Temlyakov, I. Limonova, 20).**

$\exists C_1, C_2, C_3 > 0$ :  $\forall N$ -dimensional subspace  $L$ ,  
satisfying  $(\infty, 2)$  Nikolskii-type inequality  
assumption,  $\exists m \leq C_1 M^2 N$  points  $X_1, \dots, X_m$ :

$$C_2 \|f\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m |f(X_j)|^2 \leq C_3 M^2 \|f\|_2^2 \quad \forall f \in L.$$

## Case $p \in (2, +\infty)$

**Theorem (F. Dai, A. Prymak, A. Shadrin, V. Temlyakov, S. Tikhonov, 20).**

Let  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and assume that

$$e_k(B_p(L), \|\cdot\|_\infty) \leq MN^{1/p}2^{-k/p} \quad 0 \leq k \leq \log N.$$

Then  $\forall \varepsilon \in (0, 1) \exists m \leq CN[\log N]^2$  points such that

$$(1 - \varepsilon)\|f\|_p^p \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m |f(X_j)|^p \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\|f\|_p^p \quad \forall f \in L.$$

**Theorem (E.K., 20).**  $p \geq 2 \Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $\forall N$ -dimensional subspace  $L$ , satisfying  $(\infty, p)$

Nikolskii-type inequality assumption,

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$$(1 - \varepsilon)\|f\|_p^p \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m |f(X_j)|^p \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\|f\|_p^p \quad \forall f \in L.$$

## Case $p \in (1, 2)$

**Theorem (F. Dai, A. Prymak, A. Shadrin, V. Temlyakov, S. Tikhonov, 20).**

$p \in [1, 2) \Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $\forall N$ -dimensional subspace  $L$ , satisfying  $(\infty, 2)$  Nikolskii-type inequality assumption,  $\exists m \leq CN[\log N]^3$  points  $X_1, \dots, X_m$ :

$$(1 - \varepsilon) \|f\|_p^p \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m |f(X_j)|^p \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \|f\|_p^p \quad \forall f \in L.$$

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## Sharper bound in $L^1$ case

**Theorem (E.K., 21).**  $\exists C > 0$ :  $\forall N$ -dimensional subspace  $L$ , satisfying  $(\infty, 2)$  Nikolskii-type inequality assumption,  $\exists m \leq CM^2 N \log N$  points  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  such that

$$e^{-21} \|f\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m |f(X_j)| \leq e^{21} M^2 \|f\|_1 \quad \forall f \in L.$$



# Talagrand's theorem

**Definition.** For a subspace  $L \subset L^1(0, 1)$  let  
$$N(L, \varepsilon) := \min\{m: \exists L' \subset \ell_1^m: d(L, L') \leq 1 + \varepsilon\},$$

where the Banach–Mazur distance

$$d(L, L') = \inf\{\|T\| \cdot \|T^{-1}\|: T: L \rightarrow L'\}.$$

**Theorem (M. Talagrand, 90).**

$L$  —  $N$ -dimensional subspace of  $L^1(0, 1)$ , then

$$N(L, \varepsilon) \leq C\varepsilon^{-2}N \log N.$$

## Talagrand's result in terms of sampling discretization with weights

**Theorem (reformulation).**  $L \subset C(\Omega)$  —  
 $N$ -dimensional  $\Rightarrow \exists m \leq C(\varepsilon)N \log N$  points  
 $X_1, \dots, X_m$  and positive weights  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  such that

$$(1 - \varepsilon)\|f\|_1 \leq \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j |f(X_j)| \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\|f\|_1 \quad \forall f \in L.$$

## Sketch of Talagrand's proof: first steps

1)  $L \subset \ell_1^m = L^1(X, \mu)$  with big enough  $m$ ,  
 $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_m\}$ ;

2) «Improve» the measure (Lewis change of density): new measure  $\mu'(X_j) = \mu'_j$ ,

$L' := \{f' : f'(X_j) = \mu'_j{}^{-1} f(X_j), f \in L\}$  such that

$$\|f'\|_{L^\infty(X, \mu')} \leq \sqrt{N} \|f'\|_{L^2(X, \mu')} \quad \forall f' \in L';$$

3) Splitting of «big» atoms ( $X' = \{X'_1, \dots, X'_{m'}\}$ ,  
 $m' \leq 3m/2$ )

## Sketch of Talagrand's proof: the main step

**Definition.**  $(L, \|\cdot\|)$  — Banach space. Let  $K(L, \|\cdot\|)$  be the best constant  $C$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k \varepsilon_j \mathbb{E}_\varepsilon [f(\varepsilon) \varepsilon_j] \right\|^2 \leq C^2 \mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \|f(\varepsilon)\|^2$$

$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\forall f: \{-1, 1\}^k \rightarrow L$ .

**Key lemma (Talagrand).** Let

$X = \{X_1, \dots, X_m\}$ ,  $\mu(X_j) = \mu_j$ ,  $L \subset L^1(X, \mu)$ .

Assume, that  $\|f\|_{L^\infty(X, \mu)} \leq \theta \|f\|_{L^2(X, \mu)} \quad \forall f \in L$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \sup_{f \in B_1(L)} \left| \sum_{j=1}^m \varepsilon_j \mu_j |f(X_j)| \right| \leq 2\sqrt{\pi} \theta K(L, \|\cdot\|_{L^1(X, \mu)}).$$

Here  $\|f\|_{L^p(X, \mu)} = \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \mu_j |f(X_j)|^p \right)^{1/p}$ .

## Sketch of Talagrand's proof: final steps

4) Key lemma  $\Rightarrow$  signs  $\{\varepsilon_1^0, \dots, \varepsilon_{m'}^0\}$  such that

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^{m'} \varepsilon_j^0 \mu_j' |f'(X_j')| \right| \leq C\sqrt{NK}(L', \|\cdot\|_{L^1(X', \mu')}) \|f'\|_{L^1(X', \mu')};$$

5) Splitting:  $X' = Z_1 \sqcup Z_2$ :

$$(1 - \varepsilon_{m,N}) \|f\|_{L^1(X, \mu)} \leq \|f\|_{L^1(Z_i, \nu^i)} \leq (1 + \varepsilon_{m,N}) \|f\|_{L^1(X, \mu)},$$

$$\varepsilon_{m,N} = 2C\sqrt{NK}(L', \|\cdot\|_{L^1(X', \mu')});$$

6) Choose  $Z_i$ :  $|Z_i| \leq 2^{-1}m' \leq 3m/4$  and iterate;

7)  $L$  —  $N$ -dimensional subspace of  $L^1(0, 1)$ , then

$$N(L, \varepsilon) \leq C(\varepsilon) [K(L, \|\cdot\|_{L^1})]^2 N;$$

8)  $L$  —  $N$ -dimensional subspace of  $L^1(0, 1) \Rightarrow$

$$K(L, \|\cdot\|_1) \leq C\sqrt{\log N}.$$

# Discretization with equal weights: control of $L^1$ and $L^2$ norms

1)  $L$  is on discrete  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_m\}$  with big enough  $m$ :  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  norms are well discretized;

2) Key lemma + Rudelson's result:

**Theorem (M. Rudelson, 99).** Let

$X = \{X_1, \dots, X_m\}$ ,  $\mu(X_j) = \mu_j$ ,  $L \subset L^2(X, \mu)$  —  $N$ -dimensional. Assume, that

$\|f\|_{L^\infty(X, \mu)} \leq \theta \|f\|_{L^2(X, \mu)} \quad \forall f \in L$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}_\varepsilon \sup_{f \in B_2(L)} \left| \sum_{j=1}^m \varepsilon_j \mu_j |f(X_j)|^2 \right| \leq C \theta \sqrt{\log N} \sup_{h \in B_2(L)} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m |h(X_j)|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

## Discretization with equal weights: good splitting

3)  $\exists$  signs  $\{\varepsilon_1^0, \dots, \varepsilon_m^0\}$  such that

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^m \varepsilon_j^0 |f(X_j)|^2 \right| \leq C(m) M \sqrt{N} \sqrt{\log N} \|f\|_{L^2(X)} \text{ and}$$

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^m \varepsilon_j^0 |f(X_j)| \right| \leq C(m) M \sqrt{N} K(L, \|\cdot\|_{L^1(X)}) \|f\|_{L^1(X)}$$

4)  $\exists Z \subset X: |Z| \leq 2^{-1}|X|,$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} - A\right) \|f\|_{L^1(X)} \leq \|f\|_{L^1(Z)} \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} + A\right) \|f\|_{L^1(X)} \text{ and}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} - A\right) \|f\|_{L^2(X)}^2 \leq \|f\|_{L^2(Z)}^2 \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} + A\right) \|f\|_{L^2(X)}^2$$

$$A = C(m) M \sqrt{N} \max\{\sqrt{\log N}, K(L, \|\cdot\|_{L^1(X)})\}$$

5) iterate the above.

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