

Small ball probabilities for Gaussian processes

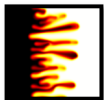
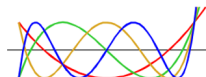
Yulia Petrova^{1,2}

¹ IMPA, Instituto de Matemática
Pura e Aplicada, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

² St Petersburg State University,
Chebyshev Lab, St Petersburg, Russia



<https://yulia-petrova.github.io/>



11 July 2022
Probability Seminar - IM-UFRJ



This talk is a small overview, for more details see
M. Lifshits “Lectures on Gaussian processes”, 2012, Springer

I would like to thank people who introduced me this topic



Alexander Nazarov



Yakov Nikitin



Mikhail Lifshits

- Alexander I. Nazarov “Variety of fractional Laplacians”
ICM 2022 speaker: tomorrow — Tuesday, July 12, 14:15 - 15:00

Small ball probabilities: definition

Let $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space (f.e. $C[0, 1]$ or $L^2[0, 1]$).

Small ball probabilities: definition

Let $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space (f.e. $C[0, 1]$ or $L^2[0, 1]$).

Definition

An \mathcal{X} -valued random vector X is a measurable mapping

$$X : (\Omega, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \tag{1}$$

Small ball probabilities: definition

Let $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space (f.e. $C[0, 1]$ or $L^2[0, 1]$).

Definition

An \mathcal{X} -valued random vector X is a measurable mapping

$$X : (\Omega, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \tag{1}$$

We will consider centered process, that is $\mathbb{E}X = 0$.

Small ball probabilities: definition

Let $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space (f.e. $C[0, 1]$ or $L^2[0, 1]$).

Definition

An \mathcal{X} -valued random vector X is a measurable mapping

$$X : (\Omega, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \quad (1)$$

We will consider centered process, that is $\mathbb{E}X = 0$.

Definition

Small ball probability problem consists in finding the asymptotics

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \quad (2)$$

Small ball probabilities: definition

Let $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space (f.e. $C[0, 1]$ or $L^2[0, 1]$).

Definition

An \mathcal{X} -valued random vector X is a measurable mapping

$$X : (\Omega, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \quad (1)$$

We will consider centered process, that is $\mathbb{E}X = 0$.

Definition

Small ball probability problem consists in finding the asymptotics

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \quad (2)$$

Actually, it can be formulated as a problem in measure theory.

Small ball probabilities: definition

Let $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space (f.e. $C[0, 1]$ or $L^2[0, 1]$).

Definition

An \mathcal{X} -valued random vector X is a measurable mapping

$$X : (\Omega, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \quad (1)$$

We will consider centered process, that is $\mathbb{E}X = 0$.

Definition

Small ball probability problem consists in finding the asymptotics

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \quad (2)$$

Actually, it can be formulated as a problem in measure theory. Let P denote the distribution of X , that is a measure in \mathcal{X} , given by $P(A) = \mathbb{P}(X \in A)$, and let $U := \{x \in \mathcal{X} : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ be the unit ball in \mathcal{X} , then we want to study the measure of the small balls:

$$P(\varepsilon U), \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Gaussian random vectors

Gaussian random vector extends the notion of a normally distributed random variable.

Gaussian random vectors

Gaussian random vector extends the notion of a normally distributed random variable.

Definition

We call a random vector X , taking value in a linear topological space \mathcal{X} , Gaussian, if for every continuous linear functional $g \in \mathcal{X}^$ the random variable $g(X)$ has a normal distribution.*

Gaussian random vectors

Gaussian random vector extends the notion of a normally distributed random variable.

Definition

We call a random vector X , taking value in a linear topological space \mathcal{X} , Gaussian, if for every continuous linear functional $g \in \mathcal{X}^$ the random variable $g(X)$ has a normal distribution.*

The distribution of a Gaussian vector is uniquely determined by:

- means of $\{g(X) : g \in \mathcal{X}^*\}$;
- covariances of $\{g(X) : g \in \mathcal{X}^*\}$.

Gaussian random vectors

Gaussian random vector extends the notion of a normally distributed random variable.

Definition

We call a random vector X , taking value in a linear topological space \mathcal{X} , Gaussian, if for every continuous linear functional $g \in \mathcal{X}^$ the random variable $g(X)$ has a normal distribution.*

The distribution of a Gaussian vector is uniquely determined by:

- means of $\{g(X) : g \in \mathcal{X}^*\}$;
- covariances of $\{g(X) : g \in \mathcal{X}^*\}$.

Main example

Wiener process $W(t)$ — a random element in $C[0, 1]$ or in $L^2[0, 1]$:

- $\mathbb{E}W(t) \equiv 0$;
- $\text{cov}(W(s), W(t)) = \min(s, t)$.

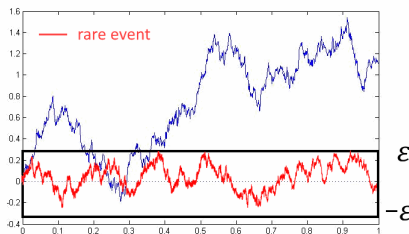
Example

Typical answer:

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon) \sim D \cdot \varepsilon^C \cdot \exp(-B\varepsilon^{-A}), \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

A, B — *logarithmic* asymptotics; A, B, C, D — *exact* asymptotics

Example: $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, $X = W(t)$ — Wiener process



$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |W(t)| < \varepsilon\right) \sim \frac{4}{\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{8} \varepsilon^{-2}\right)$$

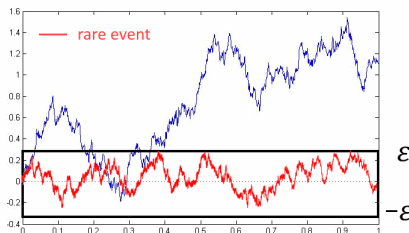
Example

Typical answer:

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon) \sim D \cdot \varepsilon^C \cdot \exp(-B\varepsilon^{-A}), \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

A, B — *logarithmic* asymptotics; A, B, C, D — *exact* asymptotics

Example: $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, $X = B(t)$ — Brownian bridge



$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |B(t)| < \varepsilon\right) \sim \sqrt{2\pi} \varepsilon^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{8} \varepsilon^{-2}\right)$$

Methods

“...there is no royal road to small ball probabilities...” M.A. Lifshits

Methods

“...there is no royal road to small ball probabilities...” M.A. Lifshits

Exist various methods, among others:

① spectral method:

- works for \mathcal{X} being a Hilbert space
- allows to get exact asymptotics
- St Petersburg school:
started by I. Ibragimov, M. Lifshits, Ya. Nikitin, A. Nazarov, and
followed by R. Pusev, A. Karol, N. Rastegaev, Yu. Petrova, etc

② via metric entropy:

- works for general classes of processes
- allows to get only logarithmic asymptotics
- J. Kuelbs, W. Li, W. Linde, T. Dunker, F. Gao, M. Lifshits, F. Aurzada, T. Kuhn, E. Belinsky, R. Blei, W. Salkeld etc

Gaussian processes in Hilbert space

Karhunen-Loeve expansion (KL-expansion):

(K. Karhunen'1947, M. Loève'1948)

Let \mathcal{X} be a separable Hilbert space with orthonormal basis (e_j) . Then any Gaussian process X can be represented as

$$X(t) \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e_k \xi_k,$$

for ξ_k , $k \in \mathbb{N}$, independent and $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_k^2)$ -distributed.

Gaussian processes in Hilbert space

Karhunen-Loeve expansion (KL-expansion):

(K. Karhunen'1947, M. Loève'1948)

Let \mathcal{X} be a separable Hilbert space with orthonormal basis (e_j) . Then any Gaussian process X can be represented as

$$X(t) \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e_k \xi_k,$$

for ξ_k , $k \in \mathbb{N}$, independent and $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_k^2)$ -distributed.

Main idea

All information about the process is in the variances σ_k^2

Hilbert structure \implies spectral problem

Karhunen-Loeve expansion (KL-expansion):

(K. Karhunen'1947, M. Loève'1948) Let $\mathcal{X} = L^2[0, 1]$. Then

$$X(t) \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(t) \sqrt{\mu_k} \xi_k$$

- ξ_k , $k \in \mathbb{N}$, — iid standard normal rv
- $u_k(t)$, μ_k — orthonormal eigenfunctions and positive eigenvalues of covariance operator \mathbb{G}_X :

$$\mu_k u_k = \mathbb{G}_X u_k \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mu_k u_k(t) = \int_0^1 G_X(s, t) u_k(s) ds.$$

Small ball probability problem ($\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$):

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_2 < \varepsilon) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k \xi_k^2 < \varepsilon^2\right).$$

Hilbert structure \implies spectral problem

Karhunen-Loeve expansion (KL-expansion):

(K. Karhunen'1947, M. Loève'1948) Let $\mathcal{X} = L^2[0, 1]$. Then

$$X(t) \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(t) \sqrt{\mu_k} \xi_k$$

- ξ_k , $k \in \mathbb{N}$, — iid standard normal rv
- $u_k(t)$, μ_k — orthonormal eigenfunctions and positive eigenvalues of covariance operator \mathbb{G}_X :

$$\mu_k u_k = \mathbb{G}_X u_k \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mu_k u_k(t) = \int_0^1 G_X(s, t) u_k(s) ds.$$

Small ball probability problem ($\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$):

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_2 < \varepsilon) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k \xi_k^2 < \varepsilon^2\right).$$

Main idea

All information about the process is in spectrum of the covariance operator.

What is already known?

- 1974 — G. Sytaya: implicit solution in terms of Laplace transform of the
sum $\sum \mu_k \xi_k^2$

What is already known?

- 1974 — G. Sytaya: implicit solution in terms of Laplace transform of the sum $\sum \mu_k \xi_k^2$
- from 1974 — V.M. Zolotarev, J. Hoffmann-Jorgensen , L. Shepp, R. Dudley, I. A. Ibragimov, M. A. Lifshits, . . . :
simplification of the formula under different assumptions

What is already known?

- 1974 — G. Sytaya: implicit solution in terms of Laplace transform of the sum $\sum \mu_k \xi_k^2$
- from 1974 — V.M. Zolotarev, J. Hoffmann-Jorgensen, L. Shepp, R. Dudley, I. A. Ibragimov, M. A. Lifshits, . . . :
simplification of the formula under different assumptions
- 1998 — T. Dunker, M. A. Lifshits, W. Linde (DLL):
rather simple formulas for

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sum \mu_k \xi_k^2 < \varepsilon^2 \right) \quad \text{when}$$

- μ_k — decays, logarithmically convex
- $\mu_k = k^{-d}$, $d > 0$, — polynomial decay
- $\mu_k = A^{-k}$, $A > 0$, — exponential decay

Useful fact: Wenbo Li principle

Let $\hat{\mu}_k \approx \mu_k$ — some approximation.

Question: How the following probabilities are connected

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum \mu_k \xi_k^2 < \varepsilon^2\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}\left(\sum \hat{\mu}_k \xi_k^2 < \varepsilon^2\right)?$$

Useful fact: Wenbo Li principle

Let $\hat{\mu}_k \approx \mu_k$ — some approximation.

Question: How the following probabilities are connected

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum \mu_k \xi_k^2 < \varepsilon^2\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}\left(\sum \hat{\mu}_k \xi_k^2 < \varepsilon^2\right)?$$

Theorem (Wenbo Li principle 1992, Gao et al. 2003)

Let $\mu_k, \hat{\mu}_k$ — two summable sequences. If

$$0 < \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{\mu}_k}{\mu_k} < \infty, \tag{3}$$

then as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k \xi_k^2 < \varepsilon^2\right) \sim \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \hat{\mu}_k \xi_k^2 < \varepsilon^2\right) \cdot \left(\prod \frac{\hat{\mu}_k}{\mu_k}\right)^{1/2}$$

General scheme

We are looking for small ball probabilities:

General scheme

We are looking for small ball probabilities:

- 1 Consider a spectral problem for the covariance operator \mathbb{G}_X

$$\mu_k u_k = \mathbb{G}_X u_k \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mu_k u_k(t) = \int_0^1 G_X(s, t) u_k(s) ds.$$

General scheme

We are looking for small ball probabilities:

- 1 Consider a spectral problem for the covariance operator \mathbb{G}_X

$$\mu_k u_k = \mathbb{G}_X u_k \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mu_k u_k(t) = \int_0^1 G_X(s, t) u_k(s) ds.$$

- 2 Find rather «good» approximation $\hat{\mu}_k$ of eigenvalues such that

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{\mu}_k}{\mu_k} < \infty,$$

General scheme

We are looking for small ball probabilities:

- 1 Consider a spectral problem for the covariance operator \mathbb{G}_X

$$\mu_k u_k = \mathbb{G}_X u_k \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mu_k u_k(t) = \int_0^1 G_X(s, t) u_k(s) ds.$$

- 2 Find rather «good» approximation $\hat{\mu}_k$ of eigenvalues such that

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{\mu}_k}{\mu_k} < \infty,$$

- 3 Use DLL theorem for $\hat{\mu}_k$ and Wenbo Li principle

Example of a general theorem (Nazarov, Nikitin' 2004)

If eigenvalues μ_k have the asymptotics

$$\mu_k = (\vartheta(k + \delta + O(k^{-1})))^{-d},$$

then for the small deviation probabilities

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_2 < \varepsilon) \sim D\varepsilon^C \exp(B\varepsilon^A), \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0,$$

where $A = A(d)$, $B = B(d, \vartheta)$, $C = C(d, \vartheta, \delta)$, $D = D(\{\mu_k\})$:

$$A = -\frac{2}{d-1}, \quad B = -\frac{d-1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi/d}{\vartheta \sin(\pi/d)} \right)^{\frac{d}{d-1}}, \quad C = \frac{2-d-2\delta d}{2(d-1)}$$

Problem statement in my PhD

$X_0(t)$ — Gaussian process:

- $\mathbb{E}X_0(t) \equiv 0$
 - $G_0(s, t) = \mathbb{E}X_0(s)X_0(t)$
- $\mathbb{P}(\|X_0\|_2 < \varepsilon)$ is known
-

$X(t)$ — finite-dimensional perturbation of $X_0(t)$ of rank m :

- $\mathbb{E}X(t) \equiv 0$
 - $G(s, t) = \mathbb{E}X(s)X(t)$
- $$G(s, t) = G_0(s, t) + \vec{\psi}^T(s) \cdot D \cdot \vec{\psi}(t)$$

Parameters of perturbation:

- $\vec{\psi}(t) = (\psi_1(t), \dots, \psi_m(t))^T$
- $D \in M_{m \times m}$ — symmetrical

Question:

How $\mathbb{P}(\|X_0\|_2 < \varepsilon)$ and $\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_2 < \varepsilon)$ are related to each other?

Problem statement for Durbin processes

- important in statistics
- appear as limiting processes when building goodness-of-fit tests of ω^2 -type when parameters are estimated by the sample

Take the sample $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim F(x, \theta)$.

$\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m)$ — distribution parameters.

parameters are *known*

($\theta = \theta^0$ fixed)



limiting process —
Brownian bridge $B(t)$

parameters are *not known*

(estimated from sample)



limiting process —
perturbation of $B(t)$ of rank m

Problem:

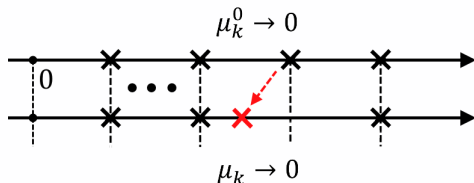
Find exact small ball probability asymptotics for Durbin processes

1-dimensional perturbations: first observation

$$G_X(s, t) = G_0(s, t) + D\psi(s)\psi(t), \quad D \in \mathbb{R}$$

- $D = 0$ — non-perturbed operator
- $\psi(t)$ — eigenfunction of an integral operator \mathbb{G}_0

What will happen if we change D ?



Reducing $D \downarrow$

Asymptotically

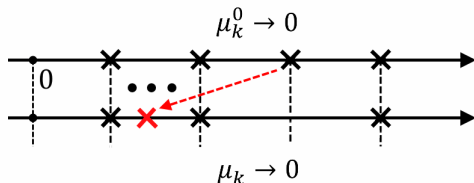
$$\mu_k^0 = \mu_k, \quad k \rightarrow \infty$$

1-dimensional perturbations: first observation

$$G_X(s, t) = G_0(s, t) + D\psi(s)\psi(t), \quad D \in \mathbb{R}$$

- $D = 0$ — non-perturbed operator
- $\psi(t)$ — eigenfunction of an integral operator \mathbb{G}_0

What will happen if we change D ?



Reducing $D \downarrow$

Asymptotically

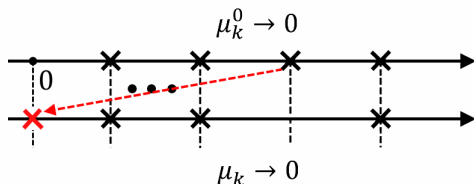
$$\mu_k^0 = \mu_k, \quad k \rightarrow \infty$$

1-dimensional perturbations: first observation

$$G_X(s, t) = G_0(s, t) + D\psi(s)\psi(t), \quad D \in \mathbb{R}$$

- $D = 0$ — non-perturbed operator
- $\psi(t)$ — eigenfunction of an integral operator \mathbb{G}_0

What will happen if we change D ?



D — critical

Asymptotically
 $\mu_k^0 = \mu_{k-1}, k \rightarrow \infty$

The analogous effect appears in a general situation (when $\psi(t)$ is not necessarily an eigenfunction)

1-dimensional perturbations (A.I. Nazarov'2009)

Let $Q := \langle \mathbb{G}_0^{-1} \psi, \psi \rangle < \infty \Leftrightarrow \psi \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{G}_0^{1/2})$.

There exists a critical value $D_{crit} = -1/Q$ such that:

Non critical case

If $D > D_{crit} = -1/Q$,
then

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_k}{\mu_k^0} < \infty$$

Critical case

If $D = D_{crit}$, $\boxed{\psi \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{G}_0)}$,
then

$$\prod_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{k-1}}{\mu_k^0} < \infty$$

- In critical case there is an extra assumption $\psi \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{G}_0)$
- The analogous statement is true for finite-dimensional perturbations (Yu. Petrova'2018)

1-dimensional perturbations (A.I. Nazarov'2009)

Let $Q := \langle \mathbb{G}_0^{-1}\psi, \psi \rangle < \infty \Leftrightarrow \psi \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{G}_0^{1/2})$.

There exists a critical value $D_{crit} = -1/Q$ such that:

Non-critical case

If $D > D_{crit} = -1/Q$,
then as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_2 < \varepsilon) \sim \frac{\mathbb{P}(\|X_0\|_2 < \varepsilon)}{|1 + QD|}$$

Critical case

If $D = D_{crit}$, $\boxed{\psi \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{G}_0)}$,
then as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_2 < \varepsilon) \sim \frac{\sqrt{Q}}{\|\varphi\|_2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cdot \int_0^{\varepsilon^2} \frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{P}(\|X_0\|_2 < t) \cdot \frac{dt}{\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 - t^2}}$$

- In critical case there is an extra assumption $\psi \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{G}_0)$
- The analogous statement is true for finite-dimensional perturbations (Yu. Petrova'2018)

Example: Durbin process for Gumbel distribution

Theorem (Yu. Petrova '2017)

For Durbin process $X(t)$ for Gumbel distribution,

$$G(s, t) = \min(s, t) - st - \psi(t)\psi(s), \quad \psi(t) = C t \ln(t) \cdot \ln(-\ln(t))$$

eigenvalue asymptotics is as follows

$$\mu_k^{-1/2} = \pi k + \frac{\pi}{2} + (-1)^k \cdot 2 \arctg\left(\frac{1}{\ln(\ln(k)) + 1}\right) - \frac{1}{\ln(k) \ln(\ln(k))} + O\left(\frac{1}{\ln(k)(\ln(\ln(k)))^2}\right).$$

Small ball probability asymptotics

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\|X\|_2 < \varepsilon\right\} \sim C \cdot \ln^{-1}(\ln(\varepsilon^{-1})) \cdot \varepsilon^{-1} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2}\right)$$

All results:

Non-critical perturbation	Critical perturbation		
	« good »	not « good »	(Durbin processes '2015,'2017)
1-dimensional: A.I. Nazarov '2009		LOG 2	$\frac{4\sqrt{3+\pi^2}}{3\sqrt{2}\pi^{3/2}} \cdot \varepsilon^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2}\right)$ P.'17
		LOG 3	$\frac{4\sqrt{15(3+\pi^2)}}{3\pi^{3/2}} \cdot \varepsilon^{-3} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2}\right)$ P.'17
		NOR 1	$C \cdot \varepsilon^{-1} \cdot \ln^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2}\right)$ N.& P.'15
		NOR 2	$\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi^{3/2}} \varepsilon^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2}\right)$ N.& P.'15
finite-dimensional: Yu. Petrova '2018		GUM 1	$\frac{4}{\pi^{3/2}} \cdot \varepsilon^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2}\right)$ P.'17
		GUM 2	$C \cdot \ln^{-1}(\ln(\varepsilon^{-1})) \cdot \varepsilon^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2}\right)$ P.'17
		GAM 1	$\frac{4\alpha_0^{1/2}}{\pi^{3/2}} \cdot \varepsilon^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2}\right)$ P.'17
		GAM 2	$\frac{4d\alpha_0}{\pi^{3/2}} \cdot \varepsilon^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2}\right)$ P.'17

Summing up the first part

Small ball probability problem consists in finding the asymptotics

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

- Hilbert space \implies spectral problem

Summing up the fist part

Small ball probability problem consists in finding the asymptotics

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

- Hilbert space \implies spectral problem
- the whole sequence of eigenvalues μ_k is important (in contrast to large deviations where only the first eigenvalue is sufficient to know)

Summing up the fist part

Small ball probability problem consists in finding the asymptotics

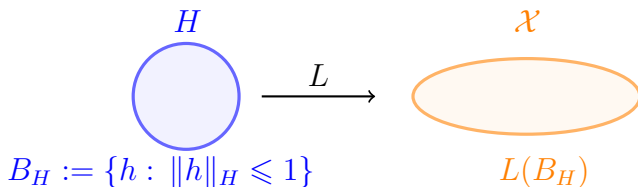
$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

- Hilbert space \implies spectral problem
- the whole sequence of eigenvalues μ_k is important (in contrast to large deviations where only the first eigenvalue is sufficient to know)
- very precise asymptotics can be obtained
... but it is quite sensitive to any perturbation of the process

Questions? Comments?

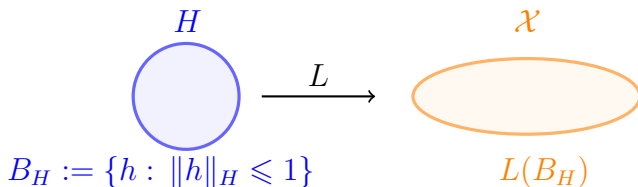
Linear operator

Consider an operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ acting between normed spaces.



Linear operator

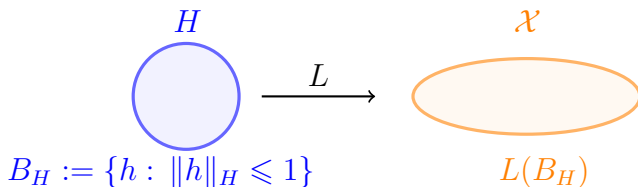
Consider an operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ acting between normed spaces.



How to measure the “size” of the operator?

Linear operator

Consider an operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ acting between normed spaces.

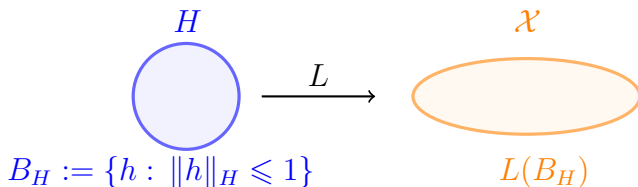


How to measure the “size” of the operator?

- The norm $\|L\|$ (half-diameter of $L(B_H)$) alone is not enough!

Linear operator

Consider an operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ acting between normed spaces.



How to measure the “size” of the operator?

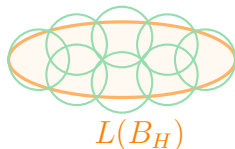
- The norm $\|L\|$ (half-diameter of $L(B_H)$) alone is not enough!
- We can use metric entropy

Covering numbers and entropy

One way to measure the compactness of operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is using metric entropy.

Covering numbers and entropy

One way to measure the compactness of operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is using metric entropy.

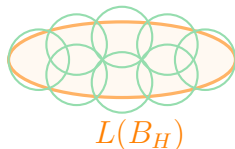


Covering numbers:

$$N_L(\varepsilon) = \inf \left\{ n : \exists \{x_j\}_{j \leq n}, \{Lh : \|h\|_H \leq 1\} \subset \cup_{j=1}^n B_\varepsilon(x_j) \right\}$$

Covering numbers and entropy

One way to measure the compactness of operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is using metric entropy.



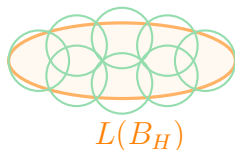
Covering numbers:

$$N_L(\varepsilon) = \inf \left\{ n : \exists \{x_j\}_{j \leq n}, \{Lh : \|h\|_H \leq 1\} \subset \cup_{j=1}^n B_\varepsilon(x_j) \right\}$$

Metric entropy: $\ln N_L(\varepsilon)$

Covering numbers and entropy

One way to measure the compactness of operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is using **metric entropy**.



Covering numbers:

$$N_L(\varepsilon) = \inf \left\{ n : \exists \{x_j\}_{j \leq n}, \{Lh : \|h\|_H \leq 1\} \subset \cup_{j=1}^n B_\varepsilon(x_j) \right\}$$

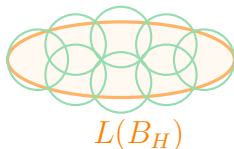
Metric entropy: $\ln N_L(\varepsilon)$

Dyadic entropy numbers:

$$e_n(L) = \inf \{ \varepsilon > 0 : N_L(\varepsilon) \leq 2^n \}$$

Covering numbers and entropy

One way to measure the compactness of operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is using **metric entropy**.



Covering numbers:

$$N_L(\varepsilon) = \inf \left\{ n : \exists \{x_j\}_{j \leq n}, \{Lh : \|h\|_H \leq 1\} \subset \cup_{j=1}^n B_\varepsilon(x_j) \right\}$$

Metric entropy: $\ln N_L(\varepsilon)$

Dyadic entropy numbers:

$$e_n(L) = \inf \{ \varepsilon > 0 : N_L(\varepsilon) \leq 2^n \}$$

The main problem in operator language

Find the behavior of covering numbers $N_L(\varepsilon)$, as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

An example: integration operator

- ① Let $H = L^2[0, 1]$ and $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, and let $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ be an **integration operator**:

$$L(f)(t) := \int_0^t f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

An example: integration operator

- ① Let $H = L^2[0, 1]$ and $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, and let $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ be an **integration operator**:

$$L(f)(t) := \int_0^t f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

Then $e_n(L) \approx n^{-1}$.

An example: integration operator

- ① Let $H = L^2[0, 1]$ and $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, and let $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ be an **integration operator**:

$$L(f)(t) := \int_0^t f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

Then $e_n(L) \approx n^{-1}$.

- ② Let $\alpha > 1/2$. Consider **Riemann-Liouville fractional integration operator** $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$, defined by

$$L^\alpha(f)(t) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

An example: integration operator

- ① Let $H = L^2[0, 1]$ and $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, and let $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ be an **integration operator**:

$$L(f)(t) := \int_0^t f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

Then $e_n(L) \approx n^{-1}$.

- ② Let $\alpha > 1/2$. Consider **Riemann-Liouville fractional integration operator** $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$, defined by

$$L^\alpha(f)(t) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

Then $e_n(L) \approx n^{-\alpha}$.

An example: integration operator

- ① Let $H = L^2[0, 1]$ and $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, and let $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ be an **integration operator**:

$$L(f)(t) := \int_0^t f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

Then $e_n(L) \approx n^{-1}$.

- ② Let $\alpha > 1/2$. Consider **Riemann-Liouville fractional integration operator** $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$, defined by

$$L^\alpha(f)(t) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

Then $e_n(L) \approx n^{-\alpha}$.

Note that for $\alpha = 1$ this is the simple integration operator. Also there is a semigroup property: $L^\alpha \circ L^\beta = L^{\alpha+\beta}$.

An open problem

Consider **multivariate integration operator** on \mathbb{R}_+^d .

For $t \in \mathbb{R}_+^d$ define a rectangle $[0, t] = \{s : 0 \leq s_j \leq t_j, 1 \leq j \leq d\}$.



Let the integration operator $L: L_2([0, 1]^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}([0, 1]^d)$ be defined by

$$L(f)(t) := \int_{[0, t]} f(s) ds.$$

Problem:

Find the asymptotics for $e_n(L)$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

It is only known that

- $e_n(L) \approx n^{-1}$, for $d = 1$;
- $e_n(L) \approx n^{-1}(\ln n)^{3/2}$, for $d = 2$;
- $c_1 n^{-1}(\ln n)^{d-1} \leq e_n(L) \leq c_2 n^{-1}(\ln n)^{d-1/2}$, for general d .

Merging two stories: operators and processes

Any centered Gaussian vector in a separable Banach space \mathcal{X} admits expansion

$$X = \sum_j \xi_j L(e_j), \quad \text{almost surely,}$$

where ξ_j are iid standard normal rv, and $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ an appropriate linear operator acting to a \mathcal{X} from a Hilbert space H with basis (e_j) .

Merging two stories: operators and processes

Any centered Gaussian vector in a separable Banach space \mathcal{X} admits expansion

$$X = \sum_j \xi_j L(e_j), \quad \text{almost surely,}$$

where ξ_j are iid standard normal rv, and $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ an appropriate linear operator acting to a \mathcal{X} from a Hilbert space H with basis (e_j) .

Definition

Then the Gaussian vector X and operator L are associated.

Merging two stories: operators and processes

Any centered Gaussian vector in a separable Banach space \mathcal{X} admits expansion

$$X = \sum_j \xi_j L(e_j), \quad \text{almost surely,}$$

where ξ_j are iid standard normal rv, and $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ an appropriate linear operator acting to a \mathcal{X} from a Hilbert space H with basis (e_j) .

Definition

Then the Gaussian vector X and operator L are associated.

Note: the distribution of X doesn't depend on the basis (e_j) ,

Example of a random vector and an associated operator

Let $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, $X = W$ — a Wiener process, $H = L^2[0, 1]$.

Example of a random vector and an associated operator

Let $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, $X = W$ — a Wiener process, $H = L^2[0, 1]$. It turns out that an operator $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ that is associated to Wiener process is just an integration operator.

$$L(f)(t) = \int_0^t f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

Example of a random vector and an associated operator

Let $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, $X = W$ — a Wiener process, $H = L^2[0, 1]$. It turns out that an operator $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ that is associated to Wiener process is just an integration operator.

$$L(f)(t) = \int_0^t f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

Let us consider the cosine basis in $L^2[0, 1]$, given by $e_0(s) := 1$ and

$$e_j(s) := \sqrt{2} \cos(\pi j s), \quad j \geq 1.$$

Example of a random vector and an associated operator

Let $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, $X = W$ — a Wiener process, $H = L^2[0, 1]$. It turns out that an operator $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ that is associated to Wiener process is just an integration operator.

$$L(f)(t) = \int_0^t f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

Let us consider the cosine basis in $L^2[0, 1]$, given by $e_0(s) := 1$ and

$$e_j(s) := \sqrt{2} \cos(\pi j s), \quad j \geq 1.$$

Integration yields $Le_0(t) = t$ and

$$Le_j(t) = \sqrt{2} \frac{\sin(\pi j t)}{\pi j}, \quad j \geq 1.$$

Example of a random vector and an associated operator

Let $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, $X = W$ — a Wiener process, $H = L^2[0, 1]$. It turns out that an operator $L : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ that is associated to Wiener process is just an integration operator.

$$L(f)(t) = \int_0^t f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2[0, 1].$$

Let us consider the cosine basis in $L^2[0, 1]$, given by $e_0(s) := 1$ and

$$e_j(s) := \sqrt{2} \cos(\pi j s), \quad j \geq 1.$$

Integration yields $Le_0(t) = t$ and

$$Le_j(t) = \sqrt{2} \frac{\sin(\pi j t)}{\pi j}, \quad j \geq 1.$$

So we arrive at the expansion

$$W(t) = \xi_0 t + \sqrt{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \xi_j \frac{\sin(\pi j t)}{\pi j}.$$

Metric entropy and Gaussian small deviations

Let's concentrate on logarithmic small ball probabilities and define small deviation function by:

$$\varphi(\varepsilon) := -\ln \mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon)$$

Metric entropy and Gaussian small deviations

Let's concentrate on logarithmic small ball probabilities and define small deviation function by:

$$\varphi(\varepsilon) := -\ln \mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon)$$

Relation between $\ln N_L(\varepsilon)$ and $\varphi(\varepsilon)$:

① polynomial growth:

Let $\beta \in (0, 2)$. Then

$$\ln N_L(\varepsilon) \approx \varepsilon^{-\beta} \iff \varphi(\varepsilon) \approx \varepsilon^{-\frac{2\beta}{2-\beta}}, \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Metric entropy and Gaussian small deviations

Let's concentrate on logarithmic small ball probabilities and define small deviation function by:

$$\varphi(\varepsilon) := -\ln \mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon)$$

Relation between $\ln N_L(\varepsilon)$ and $\varphi(\varepsilon)$:

① polynomial growth:

Let $\beta \in (0, 2)$. Then

$$\ln N_L(\varepsilon) \approx \varepsilon^{-\beta} \iff \varphi(\varepsilon) \approx \varepsilon^{-\frac{2\beta}{2-\beta}}, \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Example: L — integration operator, W — Wiener process, $\beta = 1$.
 L — fractional integration operator, X — Riemann-Liouville process.

Metric entropy and Gaussian small deviations

Let's concentrate on logarithmic small ball probabilities and define small deviation function by:

$$\varphi(\varepsilon) := -\ln \mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon)$$

Relation between $\ln N_L(\varepsilon)$ and $\varphi(\varepsilon)$:

① polynomial growth:

Let $\beta \in (0, 2)$. Then

$$\ln N_L(\varepsilon) \approx \varepsilon^{-\beta} \iff \varphi(\varepsilon) \approx \varepsilon^{-\frac{2\beta}{2-\beta}}, \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Example: L — integration operator, W — Wiener process, $\beta = 1$.

L — fractional integration operator, X — Riemann-Liouville process.

② logarithmic growth:

Let $\beta > 0$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\ln N_L(\varepsilon) \approx |\ln \varepsilon|^\beta \ln |\ln \varepsilon|^\gamma \iff \varphi(\varepsilon) \approx |\ln \varepsilon|^\beta \ln |\ln \varepsilon|^\gamma, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

General principles

The following properties are related:

- the small deviation probabilities $\mathbb{P}(\|X\| \leq \varepsilon)$ are not too small when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$;

General principles

The following properties are related:

- the small deviation probabilities $\mathbb{P}(\|X\| \leq \varepsilon)$ are not too small when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$;
- small deviation function $\varphi(\varepsilon) := -\ln \mathbb{P}(\|X\| \leq \varepsilon)$ is growing slowly when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$;

General principles

The following properties are related:

- the small deviation probabilities $\mathbb{P}(\|X\| \leq \varepsilon)$ are not too small when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$;
- small deviation function $\varphi(\varepsilon) := -\ln \mathbb{P}(\|X\| \leq \varepsilon)$ is growing slowly when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$;
- sample paths of a process are rather smooth;

General principles

The following properties are related:

- the small deviation probabilities $\mathbb{P}(\|X\| \leq \varepsilon)$ are not too small when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$;
- small deviation function $\varphi(\varepsilon) := -\ln \mathbb{P}(\|X\| \leq \varepsilon)$ is growing slowly when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$;
- sample paths of a process are rather smooth;
- X has good finite-rank approximations:

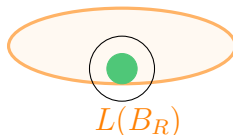
$$X \approx \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j L(e_j), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

How the connection occurs?

We start with an operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$. Fix some R, ε . Take the image of the R -ball

$$L(B_R) = \{Lh : \|h\|_H < R\}$$

and construct a pairwise distant points: h_1, h_2, \dots such that $\|h_i\| < R$ and $\|Lh_i - Lh_j\| > \varepsilon$ for $i \neq j$.

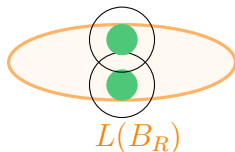


How the connection occurs?

We start with an operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$. Fix some R, ε . Take the image of the R -ball

$$L(B_R) = \{Lh : \|h\|_H < R\}$$

and construct a pairwise distant points: h_1, h_2, \dots such that $\|h_i\| < R$ and $\|Lh_i - Lh_j\| > \varepsilon$ for $i \neq j$.

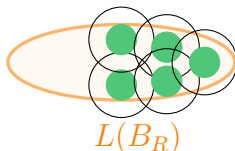


How the connection occurs?

We start with an operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$. Fix some R, ε . Take the image of the R -ball

$$L(B_R) = \{Lh : \|h\|_H < R\}$$

and construct a pairwise distant points: h_1, h_2, \dots such that $\|h_i\| < R$ and $\|Lh_i - Lh_j\| > \varepsilon$ for $i \neq j$.

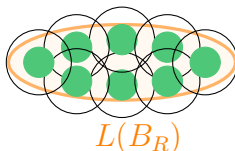


How the connection occurs?

We start with an operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$. Fix some R, ε . Take the image of the R -ball

$$L(B_R) = \{Lh : \|h\|_H < R\}$$

and construct a pairwise distant points: h_1, h_2, \dots such that $\|h_i\| < R$ and $\|Lh_i - Lh_j\| > \varepsilon$ for $i \neq j$.

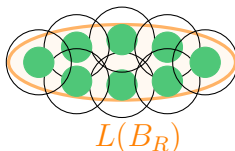


How the connection occurs?

We start with an operator $L : H \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$. Fix some R, ε . Take the image of the R -ball

$$L(B_R) = \{Lh : \|h\|_H < R\}$$

and construct a pairwise distant points: h_1, h_2, \dots such that $\|h_i\| < R$ and $\|Lh_i - Lh_j\| > \varepsilon$ for $i \neq j$.



Clearly, we can collect at least $N_{L(B_R)}(\varepsilon)$ points and

$$N_{L(B_R)}(\varepsilon) = N_{L(B_1)}(\varepsilon/R) = N_L(\varepsilon/R).$$

How the connection occurs? Continued

We have a picture from a former slide



How the connection occurs? Continued

We have a picture from a former slide



The green balls are $Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U$ where U is the unit ball in \mathcal{X} .

How the connection occurs? Continued

We have a picture from a former slide



The green balls are $Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U$ where U is the unit ball in \mathcal{X} .

Christer Borell shift inequality: for every symmetric set $B \subset \mathcal{X}$ and every associated centered Gaussian vector X and operator L , and every $h \in H$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in B + Lh) \geq \mathbb{P}(X \in B) \exp(-\|h\|_H^2/2).$$

How the connection occurs? Continued

We have a picture from a former slide



The green balls are $Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U$ where U is the unit ball in \mathcal{X} .

Christer Borell shift inequality: for every symmetric set $B \subset \mathcal{X}$ and every associated centered Gaussian vector X and operator L , and every $h \in H$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in B + Lh) \geq \mathbb{P}(X \in B) \exp(-\|h\|_H^2/2).$$

It follows that

$$1 \geq \mathbb{P}(X \in \cup_j \{Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U\})$$

How the connection occurs? Continued

We have a picture from a former slide



The green balls are $Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U$ where U is the unit ball in \mathcal{X} .

Christer Borell shift inequality: for every symmetric set $B \subset \mathcal{X}$ and every associated centered Gaussian vector X and operator L , and every $h \in H$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in B + Lh) \geq \mathbb{P}(X \in B) \exp(-\|h\|_H^2/2).$$

It follows that

$$1 \geq \mathbb{P}\left(X \in \cup_j \left\{Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U\right\}\right) = \sum_j \mathbb{P}\left(X \in \left\{Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U\right\}\right)$$

How the connection occurs? Continued

We have a picture from a former slide



The green balls are $Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U$ where U is the unit ball in \mathcal{X} .

Christer Borell shift inequality: for every symmetric set $B \subset \mathcal{X}$ and every associated centered Gaussian vector X and operator L , and every $h \in H$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in B + Lh) \geq \mathbb{P}(X \in B) \exp(-\|h\|_H^2/2).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq \mathbb{P}\left(X \in \bigcup_j \left\{Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U\right\}\right) = \sum_j \mathbb{P}(X \in \{Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U\}) \\ &\geq N_L(\varepsilon/R) \mathbb{P}(X \in \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U) e^{-R^2/2} \end{aligned}$$

How the connection occurs? Continued

We have a picture from a former slide



The green balls are $Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U$ where U is the unit ball in \mathcal{X} .

Christer Borell shift inequality: for every symmetric set $B \subset \mathcal{X}$ and every associated centered Gaussian vector X and operator L , and every $h \in H$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in B + Lh) \geq \mathbb{P}(X \in B) \exp(-\|h\|_H^2/2).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq \mathbb{P}(X \in \cup_j \{Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U\}) = \sum_j \mathbb{P}(X \in \{Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U\}) \\ &\geq N_L(\varepsilon/R) \mathbb{P}(X \in \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U) e^{-R^2/2} = N_L(\varepsilon/R) \mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) e^{-R^2/2} \end{aligned}$$

How the connection occurs? Continued

We have a picture from a former slide



The green balls are $Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U$ where U is the unit ball in \mathcal{X} .

Christer Borell shift inequality: for every symmetric set $B \subset \mathcal{X}$ and every associated centered Gaussian vector X and operator L , and every $h \in H$

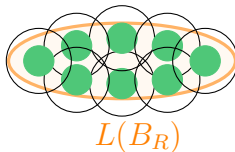
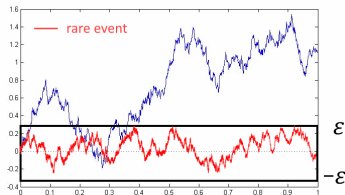
$$\mathbb{P}(X \in B + Lh) \geq \mathbb{P}(X \in B) \exp(-\|h\|_H^2/2).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq \mathbb{P}(X \in \cup_j \{Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U\}) = \sum_j \mathbb{P}(X \in \{Lh_j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U\}) \\ &\geq N_L(\varepsilon/R) \mathbb{P}(X \in \frac{\varepsilon}{2}U) e^{-R^2/2} = N_L(\varepsilon/R) \mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) e^{-R^2/2} \end{aligned}$$

This reads as $\mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \leq e^{R^2/2} N_L(\varepsilon/R)^{-1}$. Optimize the RHS in R !

Muito obrigada pela sua atenção!



Questions? Comments?

For any questions: <https://yulia-petrova.github.io/>

Literature

Own works:

- Nazarov, A. I., Petrova, Yu. P. (2016). The Small Ball Asymptotics in Hilbert Norm for the Kac–Kiefer–Wolfowitz Processes. Theory of Probability & Its Applications, 60(3), 460-480.
- Petrova, Yu. P. (2017). Exact L_2 -small ball asymptotics for some Durbin processes. Zapiski Nauchnykh Seminarov POMI, 466, 211-233.
- Petrova, Yu. P. (2021). L_2 -small ball asymptotics for a family of finite-dimensional perturbations of Gaussian functions. Zapiski Nauchnykh Seminarov POMI, Nikitin's memorial volume, 501, 236-258.

Overview papers / books :

- Site with all bibliography around small ball probabilities (collected by M. Lifshits): <https://airtable.com/shrMG0nNxI9SiGxII/tbl7Xj1mZW2VuYurm>
- Li W. V., Shao Q. M. Gaussian processes: inequalities, small ball probabilities and applications. Stochastic Processes: Theory and Methods. North-Holland: Amsterdam, 2001, p. 533-597.
- Lifshits, M. (2012). Lectures on Gaussian processes. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.

Literature

Other works:

- Sytaya G. N. On some asymptotic representations of the Gaussian measure in a Hilbert space. Theory of Stochastic Processes, 1974, v. 2, p. 93-104, Kiev (Russian)
- Li. W. V. Comparison results for the lower tail of Gaussian seminorms. J. Theoret. Probab., 1992, v. 5, No 1, p. 1-31.
- Dunker T., Lifshits M. A., Linde W. Small deviation probabilities of sums of independent random variables. Progr. Probab., 1998, v. 43, p. 59-74.
- Gao F., Hanning J., Torcaso F. Comparison theorems for small deviations of random series. Electron. J. Probab., 2003, v. 8, No 21, p. 1-17.
- Nazarov A. I., Nikitin Ya.Yu. Exact L_2 -small ball behavior of integrated Gaussian processes and spectral asymptotics of boundary value problems. Prob. Theory Related Fields, 2004, v. 129, No 4, p. 469-494.
- Durbin J. Weak convergence of the sample distribution function when parameters are estimated. Ann. Statist., 1973, v. 1, No 2, p. 279-290.

Asymptotics of oscillation integrals with slowly varying amplitudes

Let $F(t)$ be a slowly varying function at zero, that means F is of constant sign in the vicinity of 0 and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(\lambda x)}{F(x)} = 1, \quad \forall \lambda > 0$$

Let $F(1/2) = 0$ and

- $F_{n+1}(x) = xF'_n(x)$ be also slowly-varying functions.

Theorem (A. Nazarov, Yu. Petrova'2016)

The following asymptotic expansion is valid as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} F(t) \cos(\omega t) dt = \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^N c_k F_k\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right) + R_N, \quad (4)$$

where $c_k = - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} \frac{\ln^{k-1} x}{(k-1)!} dx; \quad |R_N| \leq C(F, N) \cdot \frac{|F_{N+1}(\frac{1}{\omega})|}{\omega}.$

Finite-dimensional perturbations (Yu. Petrova'2018)

$$G_X(s, t) = G_0(s, t) + \vec{\psi}^T(s) \cdot D \cdot \vec{\psi}(t),$$

$$\vec{\psi}(t) = (\psi_1(t), \dots, \psi_m(t))^T, \quad D \in M_{m \times m}$$

Let $\varphi_j(t) = \mathbb{G}_0^{-1} \psi_j(t)$, and

$$Q := \langle \mathbb{G}_0 \vec{\varphi}, \vec{\varphi}^T \rangle < \infty \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \psi_j \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{G}_0^{1/2})$$

Non-critical case

If $(Q^T D + E_m) > 0$, then

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_k^0}{\mu_k} < +\infty$$

.

Critical case

Если $\boxed{\psi_j \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{G}_0)}$ и
 $\text{rank}(Q^T D + E_m) = m - s$,
 then

$$\prod_{k=s+1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_k^0}{\mu_{k-s}} < +\infty.$$

- In critical case there is an extra assumption $\psi \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{G}_0)$

Finite-dimensional perturbations (Yu. Petrova'2018)

Теорема (Yu. P. Petrova '2018)

1. (*Non-critical case*) If $(Q^T D + E_m) > 0$, then $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_2 < \varepsilon) \sim \frac{\mathbb{P}(\|X_0\|_2 < \varepsilon)}{\det(Q^T D + E_m)}.$$

2. (*Critical case*) If $(Q^T D + E_m) \equiv 0$, $\boxed{\psi_j \in \text{Im}(\mathbb{G}_0)}$,
then as $r \rightarrow 0$

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_2 < \sqrt{r}) \sim \sqrt{\frac{\det(Q)}{\det(\int_0^1 \vec{\varphi}(t) \vec{\varphi}^T(t) dt)}} \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}\right)^m \cdot \int_0^r \int_0^{r_1} \cdots \int_0^{r_{m-1}} \frac{d^m}{dr_m^m} \mathbb{P}(\|X_0\|_2 < r_m) \frac{dr_m \cdots dr_1}{\sqrt{(r - r_1) \cdots (r_{m-1} - r_m)}}.$$

- There exist also partially critical perturbations.