

Relative Log-concavity

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Sergey's birthday party

Outline

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Information Theory - Maximum (Shannon) entropy properties
 Poisson

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Z Poisson(λ): Ultra log-concave. $ULC(\lambda)$,

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Z Binomial($m; p$): ultra log-concave of order m , $ULC(m)$.

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extended by Nayar-Słobodianiuk to "degrees of freedom" '23+

My first paper: "Hyperbolic Measures on infinite dimensional spaces" Bobkov - M. '16

Corollary

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 coefficients = 0 unless $m := (a-1) - (b-1) \geq \frac{l}{2}$, in which case,

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$$\int_t^{\infty} F_X(u) du \leq \int_t^{\infty} F_Z(u) du :$$

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Inspiration: “cut-off” phenomena in algorithms.

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Extreme points of slices of log-concave distributions

▶ Marsiglietti, M. '23

$$E[X] = E[Z], X \succeq ULC(1) Z \text{ Poisson} \Rightarrow Ee^{tX} \leq Ee^{tZ}$$

Taylor expansion y Chernoff bounds (resp).

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Probability distributions same mean) cross at least twice.

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Demostración:

$$P(X \leq t) = P(e^{-X} \geq e^{-t}) \\ \geq E[e^{-(X - t)}] \\ \geq E[e^{-(Z - t)}]:$$

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Idea: Two-crossing densities preserved under monotone maps.

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$$p \not\prec E[X^p] = \Gamma(p + 1)$$


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