

# Sampling projections in the uniform norm and optimal function recovery

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- Provide new relations between the Sampling, Gelfand and Kolmogorov numbers. Optimality of information: **linear vs standard**.
- Give new **discretization results**.
- Discuss **the bounds for the norms of projection operators** (related to the Kadets-Snobar theorem and Auerbach's/Novak's lemma).

### **Joint work with David Krieg, Mario Ullrich and Tino Ullrich**

- *Sampling projections in the uniform norm*. arXiv: 2401.02220, 2024.
- *Sampling recovery in  $L_2$  and other norms*. arXiv: 2305.07539, 2023.

+ **Work in progress with Felix Bartel and Tino Ullrich**

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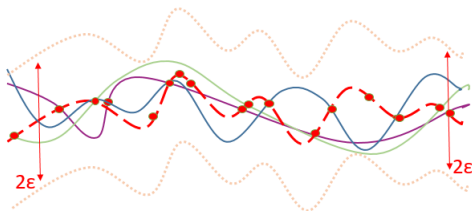
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**Given:**  $f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)$ ,  $x_i \in D$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , for  $f \in F \subset G$ .

**Estimate:** the  $n$ -th linear sampling number of  $F$  in  $G$

$$g_n^{\text{lin}}(F, G) := \inf_{\substack{x_1, \dots, x_n \in D \\ \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \in G}} \sup_{f \in F} \left\| f - \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \varphi_i \right\|_G.$$



Red line – target, other lines – approximants

**$n$ -th Gelfand number**  $c_n(F, G)$ : **any** algorithm, **linear** information

**$n$ -th approximation number**  $a_n(F, G)$ : algorithm and information - **linear**

**$n$ -th Kolmogorov number**

$$d_n(F, G) := \inf_{\substack{V_n \subset G \\ \dim(V_n) = n}} \sup_{f \in F} \inf_{g \in V_n} \|f - g\|_G$$

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**The goal:** find  $K(n)$  such that

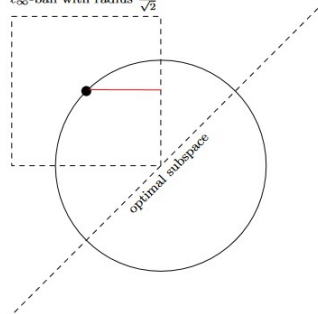
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# Kolmogorov vs Gelfand numbers

## Kolmogorov numbers

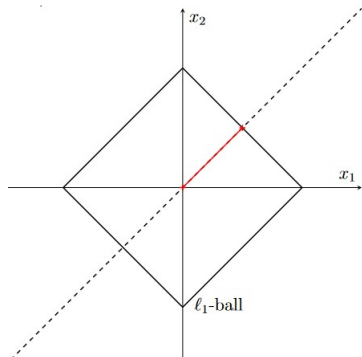
$$d_1(B_2, \ell_\infty)$$

$\ell_\infty$ -ball with radius  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$



## Gelfand numbers

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How large are the gaps? What is the order of  $K(n)$ ?

Novak '88

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With an oversampling  $bn$ ,  $b > 1$  — YES — to  $\sqrt{n}$ !

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## Theorem (KPUU '23)

For any set  $D$ , any  $F \subset B(D)$ , and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , it holds

$$g_{2n}^{\text{lin}}(F, B(D)) \leq 58 \sqrt{n} d_n(F, B(D)).$$

For convex and balanced  $F$ , it holds

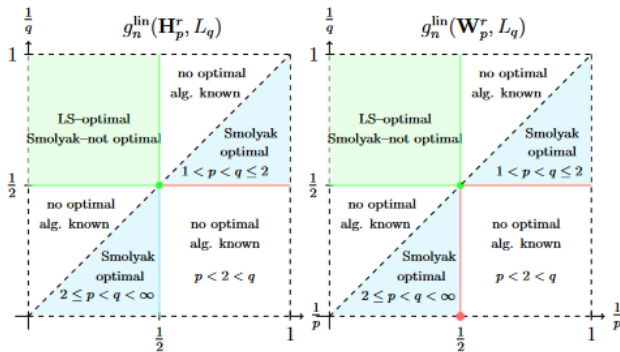
$$g_{2n}^{\text{lin}}(F, B(D)) \leq 58 \sqrt{n} c_n(F, B(D)).$$

The factor  $\sqrt{n}$  in general cannot be improved!

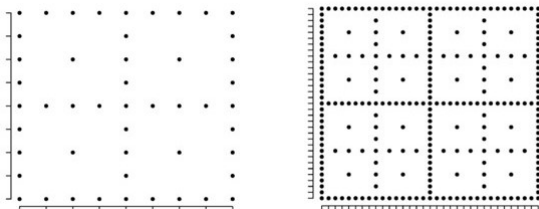
**Note: Sharp bound without  $\sqrt{n}$  in the Hilbert space setting satisfying certain conditions.** (see [Geng, Wang '23] for the trigonometric system, [KPUU '23] for the general case)

$$\sup_{f \in F} \|f - A_m f\|_q \lesssim m^{-(r-t)} (\log m)^{(d-1)(r-t+\alpha)},$$

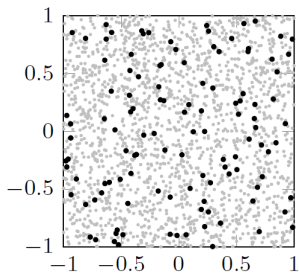
$$r > \max\{1/2, 1/p\}, \quad t := (1/p - 1/2)_+ + (1/2 - 1/q)_+, \quad \alpha = \begin{cases} 0 & F = W_p^r, 1 \leq q < \infty; \\ 1/2 & F = H_p^r, 1 \leq q < \infty; F = W_p^r, q = \infty; \\ 1 & F = H_p^r, q = \infty. \end{cases}$$



## Smolyak points



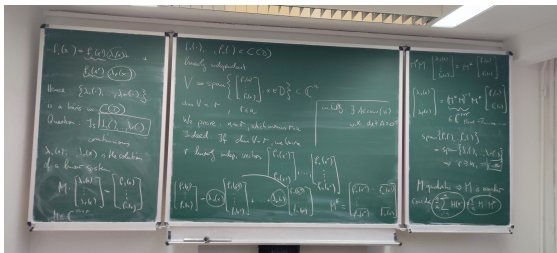
## Subsampled random points



## Lemma (KPUU '23)

Let  $D$  be a set and  $V_n \subset B(D)$ ,  $\dim V_n = n$ . Then there exist  $2n$  points  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n} \in D$  such that, for all  $f \in V_n$ , we have

$$\|f\|_\infty \leq 58 \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{2n} |f(x_k)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq 58 \sqrt{n} \max_{k=1, \dots, 2n} |f(x_k)|$$



Part of the proof.

Based on [Kiefer/Wolfowitz '60] + constructive subsampling.



## Algorithm for continuous on a compact domain functions

- Given  $n$  linearly independent complex-valued functions  $f_n \in C(D)$ , for a fixed  $x \in D$  solve

$$A := \max_{(x_k)_{k=1}^N, (\lambda_k)_{k=1}^N} \det(B^* B),$$

$$B := \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} f_1(x_1) & \sqrt{\lambda_1} f_2(x_1) & \cdots & \sqrt{\lambda_1} f_n(x_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sqrt{\lambda_N} f_1(x_N) & \sqrt{\lambda_N} f_2(x_N) & \cdots & \sqrt{\lambda_N} f_n(x_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $N = n^2 + 1$  nodes  $(x_k)_{k=1}^N$  and weights  $(\lambda_k)_{k=1}^N$ .

- Write the singular value decomposition

$$A = VDV^*, \quad A^{-1/2} = VD^{-1/2}V^*.$$

- Put

$$G(x) := A^{-1/2}F(x), \quad F := (f_1, \dots, f_n)^\top.$$

We get, that for the components of  $G(x) = (g_1, \dots, g_n)^\top$  form an ONB in  $V_n$  w.r.t. the atomic measure  $\varrho = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \delta_{x_i}$ , and it holds

$$\sup_{f \in V_n \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|f\|_\infty}{\|f\|_{L_2(\varrho)}} = \sup_{x \in D} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |g_i(x)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \sqrt{n}.$$

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$$Pf = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} f(x_i) \varphi_i \quad \text{is a projection with} \quad \|P\| \leq 58\sqrt{n}.$$

Theorem is **sharp** in the following sense:

- Using  $m = \mathcal{O}(n)$  samples, the norm bound  $C\sqrt{n}$  **cannot be replaced** with a lower-order term.
- Using only  $m = n$  samples, the norm bound  $C\sqrt{n}$  **has to be replaced by a linear term in  $n$**  (Novak's/Auerbach's lemma).

**Thank you for your attention!**



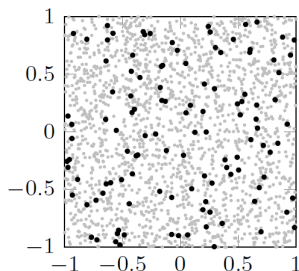
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- $F$  RKHS

$$g_{cn}^{\text{lin}}(F, L_2) \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k \geq n} d_k(F, L_2)^2}$$

- $F$  general

$$g_{cn}^{\text{lin}}(F, L_2) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k \geq n} \frac{d_k(F, L_2)}{\sqrt{k}}$$



If  $d_n(F, L_2) \asymp n^{-\alpha}(\log n)^\gamma$  with  $\alpha > 1/2$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$g_n^{\text{lin}}(F, L_2) \asymp d_n(F, L_2). \quad [\text{DKU '23}]$$

If  $d_n(F, L_2) \asymp n^{-1/2}(\log n)^\gamma$  with  $\gamma < -1$ , then

$$g_n^{\text{lin}}(F, L_2) \lesssim \mathbf{\log n} \cdot d_n(F, L_2). \quad [\text{KPUU '23}]$$

Temlyakov '21, Bartel/Schäfer/T. Ullrich '23

$$g_{bn}^{\text{lin}}(F, L_2) \leq \frac{Bb^3}{(b-1)^3} \cdot d_n(F, B(D))$$

Oversampling factor  $b > 1$ ,  $B > 0$  absolute constant.

P./T. Ullrich '22, Krieg/P./M. Ullrich/T. Ullrich '23

$$g_{2n}^{\text{lin}}(F, B(D)) \leq 58 \sqrt{n} d_n(F, B(D))$$

$$g_{4n}^{\text{lin}}(F, L_p(\mu)) \leq 83 n^{(1/2-1/p)_+} d_n(F, B_\mu(D)), \quad 1 \leq p \leq \infty.$$

Let  $H \subset L_2(\mu)$  be a RKHS on a set  $D$  with a **bounded** kernel

$$K(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sigma_k^2 b_k(x) \overline{b_k(y)},$$

where  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq 0$ ;  $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is orthonormal in  $L_2(\mu)$ .

The set  $\{\sigma_k b_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is an orthonormal basis in  $H$ . [Steinwart/Scovel '12]

$$V_n = \text{span}\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$$

$$\Lambda(V_n, B(D)) = \sup_{f \in V_n \setminus \{0\}} \|f\|_{\infty} / \|f\|_2$$

$$\text{If } \Lambda(V_n, B(D)) := \sup_{f \in V_n \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|f\|_\infty}{\|f\|_2} = \left\| \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |b_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_\infty \lesssim \sqrt{n},$$

where  $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is any ONB in  $L_2(\mu)$  and  $\mu$  is a finite measure, then

$$g_{cn}^{\text{lin}}(H, B(D)) \leq \sqrt{bB \cdot \mu(D)} \cdot c_n(H, B(D)).$$

Linear sampling algorithms are (up to constants) **as powerful as** arbitrary non-linear algorithms using general linear measurements.

We do not require any decay of the Gelfand width  $c_n$  !

Can also be applied for: the Haar or the Walsh systems, certain wavelets,  
the Chebychev polynomials, the spherical harmonics, ...



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- There **exists a probability measure**  $\mu$  on  $D$ :  $\forall f \in V_n \subset B(D)$

$$\|f\|_\infty \leq \sqrt{n + \varepsilon} \cdot \|f\|_2 \quad (1)$$

If  $V_n \subset C(D)$  for some compact topological space  $D$ , then  $\varepsilon = 0$ .

Based on [Kiefer/Wolfowitz '60]

- There **exists a point set**  $X \subset D$ ,  $|X| \leq 2n$ :  $\forall f \in V_n$

$$\|f\|_2 \leq 57 \left( \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{x \in X} |f(x)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

[Bartel/Schaefer/T. Ullrich '22]