# The duality proof of the SUDAKOV minoration

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#### The minoration as a bound on packing numbers

According to Dudley (2014, p. 131), the following result was first proved by Sudakov (1973, Prop. 7) under a mild extra condition, although credit for similar ideas should be shared with Chevet (1970). It is usually referred to as the SUDAKOV minoration. (I think the word minorant is a synonym for 'lower bound'.)

Sudakov minoration. If  $Y := (Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_n)$  has a centered MVN distribution with  $\mathbb{P}|Y_j - Y_k|^2 > \delta^2$  for all distinct  $j \neq$  and k, then  $\mathbb{P} \max_{i \leq n} Y_i \geq C_{sud} \delta \sqrt{\log_2 n}$  with  $C_{sud}$  a universal (positive) constant.

**Remark.** I found it helpful to keep in mind the extreme cases: (i)  $Y_j = j\epsilon Z$  for j = 1, ..., n, where  $\epsilon > \delta$  and  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ ; (ii)  $Y_1, ..., Y_n$  are iid  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  with  $2\sigma^2 > \delta^2$ .

The inequality can be regarded as an upper bound for packing numbers or a lower bound for  $\mathbb{P} \max_{i \leq n} Y_i$ . It is also equivalent to an assertion involving covering numbers of convex bodies in euclidean space, the **Main theorem** in this note. Talagrand (Ledoux and Talagrand, 1991, pp.82–84,88) claimed credit for the form of the proof. Sudmin2 <2>

**Main theorem.** Suppose K is a compact, convex, symmetric subset of  $\mathbb{R}^k$  with  $0 \in \operatorname{interior}(K)$ . Then

$$\mathcal{F} := \gamma_k \sup_{t \in K} \langle t, g \rangle \ge \sup_{\epsilon > 0} c\epsilon \sqrt{\log \operatorname{COVER}(\epsilon, K, \ell^2)}$$

for some universal, positive constant c, where  $\gamma_k$  denotes the  $N(0, I_k)$  probability measure.

#### Remarks.

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- (i) Here  $\ell^2$  denotes the usual euclidean metric on  $\mathbb{R}^k$ , which corresponds to the inner product  $\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_{i \le k} x_i y_i$  and norm  $|x|_2 := \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$ .
- (ii) The covering number in <3> could be replaced by a packing number by virtue of the inequalities

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 $COVER_T(\delta, S, d) \le COVER_S(\delta, S, d)$  $\le PACK(\delta, S, d)$  $\le COVER_T(\delta/2, S, d) \le COVER_S(\delta/2, S, d)$ 

for any totally bounded subset S of any metric space (T, d). In general it matters little whether the centers of the covering balls are restricted to lie in S, as in  $COVER_S(...)$ , or are allowed to be outside S, as in  $COVER_T(...)$ . When an argument depends on having centers in S, as in Lemma <6>, it can help to use packing numbers.

(iii) If diam(K) denotes the  $\ell^2$  diameter of K then the supremum on the right-hand side of  $\langle 3 \rangle$  need only be taken over  $0 < \epsilon < \operatorname{diam}(K)$  because  $B[t,r] \supset K$  if  $t \in K$  and  $r \geq \operatorname{diam}(K)$ .

#### The geometry of the minoration

Let K be a compact, convex, symmetric subset of  $\mathbb{R}^k$  with  $0 \in \operatorname{interior}(K)$ , as in Theorem  $\langle 2 \rangle$ . Then the closed, convex set

 $L := \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^k : \langle y, x \rangle \le 1 \text{ for every } x \text{ in } K \} = \bigcap_{x \in K} \{ y : \langle y, x \rangle \le 1 \}$ 

is called the **polar** of K. It is also compact and symmetric with 0 an interior point. Schneider (1993, §1.6) denoted the polar by  $K^*$ ; Barvinok (2002, p. 143) denoted it by  $K^o$ .

The gauge function  $\rho_K$  is defined on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  by

$$\rho_K(x) := \inf\{\lambda > 0 : x/\lambda \in K\}.$$

It is actually a norm on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  for which K is the unit ball, that is,  $K = \{x : \rho_K(x) \leq 1\}$ . The *support function*  $h_K$  is defined on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  by

$$h_K(y) := \sup_{x \in K} \langle x, y \rangle$$

It is very convenient that polar of L equals K and  $\rho_L = h_K$  and  $\rho_K = h_L$ . See Section 4. These facts imply

$$\langle x, y \rangle \le \rho_K(x) \rho_L(y)$$
 for all  $x, y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^k$ 

If either  $\rho_K(x)$  or  $\rho_L(y)$  is zero the result is trivial, otherwise  $x/\rho_K(x) \in K$ and  $y/\rho_L(y) \in L$  so that their inner product is  $\leq 1$ .

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#### Proof of the main theorem

The following arguments are based on van Handel (2016, pp. 159–162) and Vershynin (2019, pp. 46–50).

We now have three different norms on  $T := \mathbb{R}^k$ , namely  $|\cdot|_2$  and  $\rho_K$ and  $\rho_L$ . Their unit balls centered at the origin are *B* and *K* and *L*. More generally,

 $B[x,r] := \{ y \in T : |y - x|_2 \le r \},\$   $K[x,r] := \{ y \in T : \rho_K(y - x) \le r \},\$  $L[x,r] := \{ y \in T : \rho_L(y - x) \le r \}.$ 

The following three inequalities involving these covering numbers contain the central idea in the proof of the Theorem.

**Lemma.** COVER<sub>T</sub> $(\delta, B, \rho_L) \leq 2 \exp(8\mathfrak{F}^2/\delta^2)$ , where  $\mathfrak{F} := \gamma_k \sup_{t \in K} \langle t, g \rangle$ , for each  $\delta > 0$ .

**Lemma.** COVER<sub>T</sub> $(\delta, K, \ell^2) \leq$ COVER<sub>T</sub> $(\delta^2/4, K, \rho_L)$  for each  $\delta > 0$ .

**Lemma.** COVER $(\delta, K, \ell^2) \leq$ COVER $(2\delta, K, \ell^2) \times$ COVER $_T(\delta/8, B, \rho_L)$ for each  $\delta > 0$ .

Let me first show how these inequalities lead to inequality  $\langle 3 \rangle$  and then prove the three Lemmas. To simplify notation, define  $N(\delta) := \text{COVER}_T(\delta, K, \ell^2)$ . We need to find a positive constant C for which

$$f(\epsilon) := \epsilon \sqrt{\log N(\epsilon)} \le C \mathcal{F}$$
 for  $0 < \epsilon < D := \operatorname{diam}(K)$ .

By Problem [1] we have  $\sqrt{2\pi} \mathcal{F} \geq D := \operatorname{diam}(K)$ . Lemma <8> gives

$$\sqrt{\log N(\epsilon)} \le \sqrt{\log N(2\epsilon)} + \sqrt{\log \operatorname{COVER}(\epsilon/8, B, \rho_L)}$$

And, for  $0 < \epsilon \leq D$ , Lemma < 6 > then gives

$$\epsilon \sqrt{\log \operatorname{COVER}(\epsilon/8, B, \rho_L)} \le D\sqrt{\log 2} + \epsilon \sqrt{8^3 \mathcal{F}^2/\epsilon^2} \le M,$$

where M is constant multiple of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Thus

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 $f(\epsilon) \le f(2\epsilon)/2 + M$  for  $0 < \epsilon \le D$ .

Define  $R_i := D/2^i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$  As already noted,  $f(R_0) = 0$ . Monotonicity of  $\epsilon \mapsto \text{COVER}(\epsilon, K, \ell^2)$  gives

$$f(\epsilon) \le R_i \sqrt{\log \operatorname{COVER}(R_{i+1}, K, \ell^2)} = 2f(R_{i+1}) \quad \text{for } R_{i+1} \le \epsilon \le R_i.$$

Thus it remains only to derive an upper bound for  $f(R_i)$  from the inequality

$$f(R_{i+1}) \le f(R_i)/2 + M.$$

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Iterate.

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$$f(R_1) \le 0/2 + M,$$
  

$$f(R_2) \le f(R_1)/2 + M \le M/2 + M,$$
  

$$f(R_3) \le f(R_2)/2 + M \le M/4 + M/2 + M$$

and so on. We must have  $f(R_i) \leq 2M$  for all *i*. Done.

The proofs for the Lemmas are quite short.

**Proof (of Lemma < 6 >).** The assertion is

 $\operatorname{COVER}_T(\delta, B, \rho_L) \le 2 \exp\left(8\mathcal{F}^2/\delta^2\right).$ 

It suffices (cf. <4>) to show that  $N := \text{PACK}(\delta, B, \rho_L) \leq \mathcal{N}(\delta)$ .

Let  $t_1, \ldots, t_N$  be points of B for which  $\rho_L(t_i - t_j) > \delta$ . Define  $x_i := Rt_i$ where  $R := 4\mathcal{F}/\delta$ . The set  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_N\}$  is a 4 $\mathcal{F}$ -separated subset of B[0, R]. The  $\rho_L$ -balls  $L[x_i, 2\mathcal{F}]$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, N$  are disjoint. Thus

$$1 \ge \sum_{i} \gamma_k L[x_i, 2\mathcal{F}] \ge N \min_{i \le N} \gamma_k L[x_i, 2\mathcal{F}].$$

We need to show  $\gamma_k L[x, 2\mathcal{F}] \ge \exp(-R^2/2)/2$  when  $x \in B[0, R]$ . Start with the case  $A := L[0, 2\mathcal{F}]$ . Define  $W := \sup_{t \in K} \langle t, g \rangle = h_K(g) = \rho_L(g)$ . Then we have

$$\gamma_k A^c = \gamma_k \{ \rho_L(g) > 2\mathfrak{F} \} = \gamma_k \{ W > 2\mathfrak{F} \} \le \gamma_k W/(2\mathfrak{F}) = 1/2.$$

Hence  $\gamma_k A \ge 1/2$ . Write *P* for the conditional distribution  $\gamma_k (\cdot | A)$ , which has density  $\{y \in A\}\phi(y)/\gamma_k A$  with respect to lebesgue measure, where  $\phi(y) := (2\pi)^{-k/2} \exp(-|y|_2^2/2)$ . For each *x* in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  we have

$$\begin{split} \gamma_k L[x, 2\mathfrak{F}] &= \int \{y - x \in A\} \phi(y) \, dy = \int \{w \in A\} \phi(w + x) \, dw \\ &= \int \{w \in A\} \exp\left[-|x|_2^2/2 - \langle x, w \rangle\right] \phi(w) \, dw \\ &= (\gamma_k A) \exp\left(-|x|_2^2/2\right) P^w \exp\left(-\langle x, w \rangle\right) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-|x|_2^2/2\right) \exp\left(-\langle x, Pw \rangle\right) \qquad \text{by the JENSEN inequality,} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-|x|_2^2/2\right) \qquad \text{because } Pw = 0 \text{ by symmetry.} \end{split}$$

 $\square \quad \text{In particular, if } x \in B[0, R] \text{ then } \gamma_k L[x, 2\mathcal{F}] \ge \exp(-R^2/2)/2.$ 

**Proof (of Lemma <7>).** The assertion is

$$\operatorname{COVER}_T(\delta, K, \ell^2) \leq \operatorname{COVER}_T(\delta^2/4, K, \rho_L).$$

Define  $\epsilon := \delta^2/2$ . This time let  $F := \{x_1, \ldots, x_N\}$ , for  $N = \text{PACK}(\epsilon, K, \rho_L)$ , be a maximal  $\epsilon$ -separated (in  $\rho_L$  distance) subset of K. Then  $K \subset \bigcup_{i \leq N} L[x_i, \epsilon]$ . If  $y \in K \cap L[x_i, \epsilon]$  then  $\rho_K(y - x_i) \leq \rho_K(y) + \rho_K(x_i) \leq 2$  and  $\rho_L(y - x_i) \leq \epsilon$ so that

$$|y - x_i|_2^2 \le \rho_K(y - x_i)\rho_L(y - x_i) \le 2\epsilon$$
 by inequality  $<5>$ 

It follows that  $y \in B[x_i, \sqrt{2\epsilon}] = B[x_i, \delta]$ . Hence

$$K = \bigcup_{i < N} \left( K \cap L[x_i, \epsilon] \right) \subset \bigcup_{i < N} B[x_i, \delta],$$

 $\square \quad \text{implying } \operatorname{COVER}_K(\delta, K, \ell^2) \le N \le \operatorname{COVER}(\epsilon/2, K, \ell^2).$ 

**Proof (of Lemma < 8 >).** The assertion is

 $\operatorname{COVER}_T(\delta, K, \ell^2) \leq \operatorname{COVER}_T(2\delta, K, \ell^2) \times \operatorname{COVER}_T(\delta/8, B, \rho_L).$ 

The argument involves two coverings: first choose  $x_1, \ldots, x_N$  with  $N := \text{COVER}_T(2\delta, K, \ell^2)$  for which  $K \subset \bigcup_{i \leq N} B[x_i, 2\delta]$ ; then choose  $z_1, \ldots, z_M$  with  $M := \text{COVER}_T(r, B, \rho_L)$  for which  $\min_j \rho_L(w - z_j) \leq r := \delta/8$  for each w in B. In particular, if  $y \in B[x_i, 2\delta]$  there there exists a j for which

$$\rho_L\left(\frac{y-x_i}{2\delta}-z_j\right) \le r \quad \text{and thus} \quad \rho_L\left(y-x_i-2\delta z_j\right) \le 2\delta r = \delta^2/4,$$

which implies

$$K \subset \bigcup_{i \le N} B[x_i, 2\delta] \subset \bigcup_{i \le N} \bigcup_{j \le M} L[x_i + 2\delta z_j, \delta^2/4].$$

 $\operatorname{COVER}_T(\delta, K, \ell^2) < \operatorname{COVER}_T(\delta^2/4, K, \rho_L) < NM$ 

It follows, via Lemma <7>, that

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## Facts about duality

Sources: E = Eggleston (1958, §1.9, §3,5) and S = Schneider (1993, §1.6, §1.7).

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$$\mathcal{K}^n :=$$
all nonempty, compact, convex subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
 $\mathcal{K}^n_o := \{ K \in \mathcal{K}^n : interior(K) \neq \emptyset \}.$ 

He called members of  $\mathcal{K}^n$  compact bodies.

The *support function* can be defined for a (nonempty) bounded subset A of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as

$$h(u, A) := h_A(u) := \sup\{\langle x, u \rangle : x \in A\} \quad \text{for } u \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

(S used nonempty closed convex sets, initially allowing h to take the value  $+\infty$ .) If A is closed (and hence compact) the supremum is achieved for some  $x_0$ in A. In that case, the supporting hyperplane  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, u \rangle = h_A(u)\}$ contains the point  $x_0$  and the closed halfspace  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, u \rangle \leq h_A(u)\}$ contains A.

The **polar** of a bounded set A, denoted by  $A^o$  or  $A^*$ , is defined as

$$A^* := \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, y \rangle \le 1 \text{ for all } x \text{ in } A \}$$
  
=  $\cap_{x \in A} \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, y \rangle \le 1 \}$  so  $A^*$  is closed and convex  
=  $\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n : h_A(y) \le 1 \}.$ 

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If  $A \subseteq B[\mathbf{0}, R]$  then  $|h_A(u)| \leq R|u|_2$  for every u in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , which implies  $B[0, 1/R] \subset A^*$ . In particular, **0** is an interior point of  $A^*$  and  $A^* \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ . Similarly, if the origin is an interior point of A then  $B[\mathbf{0}, \delta] \subset A$  for some  $\delta > 0$ . For each y in  $A^*$  we then have  $\langle x, y \rangle \leq 1$  for each x with  $|x|_2 \leq \delta$ , which implies  $|y|_2 \leq 1/\delta$  and  $A^* \subset B[0, 1/\delta]$ .

**Remark.** E-p25 allowed A to be any subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If A is unbounded then interior $(A^*)$  can be empty. S-p3 defined the polar only for members of  $\mathcal{K}^n_{\alpha}$ .

The polar of the polar,  $A^{**} := \{z \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle z, y \rangle \leq 1 \text{ for all } y \text{ in } A^* \}$  also belongs to  $\mathcal{K}^n$ . Clearly  $A^{**} \supset A \cup \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . E-p25 claimed that  $A^{**}$  is actually the convex hull of  $S := \overline{A} \cup \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

**Lemma.** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  with **0** as an interior point then  $K^{**} = K$ .

**Proof.** As  $\mathbf{0} \in \operatorname{interior}(K)$  the polar  $K^*$  is bounded; it also belongs to  $\mathcal{K}_o^n$ . The inequality

$$\langle x, y \rangle \leq 1$$
 for all  $x \in K$  and all  $y \in K^*$ 

implies that  $K \subset K^{**}$ .

To complete the proof it suffices to show that if  $w \notin K$  then  $w \notin K^{**}$ . Such a w can be separated from K by a hyperplane: for some  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\langle w, u \rangle > \alpha > \sup_{x \in K} \langle x, u \rangle.$$

The constant  $\alpha$  must be > 0 because  $\mathbf{0} \in K$ . The fact that  $1 \ge \langle x, u/\alpha \rangle$  for each x in K shows that  $u/\alpha \in K^*$ . The fact that  $\langle w, u/\alpha \rangle > 1$  then implies  $w \notin (K^*)^*$ .

The gauge function of a set K in  $\mathcal{K}_{o}^{n}$  is defined by S-p43 as

$$g(x,K) := \inf\{\lambda \ge 0 : x \in \lambda K\}$$

The infimum is achieved by some  $\lambda > 0$  if  $x \neq \mathbf{0}$ , that is, g(x, K) is the smallest  $\lambda > 0$  for which  $x/\lambda \in K$ . For  $K^*$  and  $y \neq \mathbf{0}$  we have

$$g(y, K^*) = \min\{\lambda > 0 : \langle y/\lambda, x \rangle \le 1 \text{ for all } x \in K \}$$
  
= min{ $\lambda > 0 : \langle y, x \rangle \le \lambda$  for all  $x \in K \}$  =  $h(y, K)$ .

Similarly,

$$g(x, K) = g(x, K^{**}) = h(x, K^{*}).$$

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# 5 Equivalence between the two forms of the minoration

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Theorem  $\langle 2 \rangle$  involved a set of functions  $X = \{X_t : t \in K\}$  indexed by a subset K of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . More precisely, the function  $X_t$  was defined by  $X_t(g) := \langle t, g \rangle = \sum_{i \leq k} t_i g_i$  with g a generic point of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . Under the probability measure  $\gamma_k := N(0, I_k)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^k$ , the function  $X_t$  became a random variable and X became a centered gaussian process with

$$\operatorname{cov}(X_s, X_t) = \langle s, t \rangle$$
 AND  $\operatorname{var}(X_t) = |t|_2^2$ 

Inequality  $\langle 3 \rangle$  could be rewritten using packing numbers:

 $C\mathbb{P}\sup_{t\in K} X_t \ge \epsilon \sqrt{\log \operatorname{Pack}(\epsilon, K, \ell^2)}$ 

If, for some given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have a finite subset F of K with  $|s - t|_2 > \epsilon$ then

for each  $\epsilon > 0$ .

$$||X_s - X_t||_2 = |s - t|_2 > \epsilon \quad \text{for distinct } s, t \text{ in } F.$$

Thus <11> is a special case of Theorem <1>.

It takes a little more work to embed a random vector  $Y = (Y_1, \ldots, Y_n)$  with a N(0, V) distribution into a process indexed by K.

First note that  $\mathcal{F}_Y := \mathbb{P} \max_i Y_i = \mathbb{P} \max_i (Y_i - Y_1)$  and

$$||Y_i - Y_j||_2 = ||(Y_i - Y_1) - (Y_j - Y_1)||_2$$

Thus we lose no generality by assuming  $Y_1$  is identically 0.

**Remark.** This little trick eliminates an annoying difficulty when a maximum over a finite set needs to be bounded by a sum of maxima over two subsets.

If we define  $Z = (Z_1, \ldots, Z_n)$  by  $Z_i := -Y_i$  then  $Z \sim N(0, V)$ , so that

$$\max\{Y_1,\ldots,Y_n,Z_1,\ldots,Z_n\} \le \max_i Y_i + \max_i Z_i.$$

It helps that both  $\max_i Y_i$  and  $\max_i Z_i$  are nonnegative. It follows that

$$\mathcal{F}_{Y,Z} := \mathbb{P}\max\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n, Z_1, \dots, Z_n\} \le \mathbb{P}\max_i Y_i + \mathbb{P}\max_i Z_i = 2\mathcal{F}_Y.$$

The quantity  $\mathcal{F}_Y$  depends only on the distribution of Y. It helps to work with a specific representation of that distribution. Suppose RANK(V) = k. (Necessarily k < n because I made  $Y_1$  identically zero.) Then there exists a  $k \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_1, \ldots, a_n]$  with  $V = A^{\mathsf{T}}A$  and RANK(A) = k.

**Remark.** Such an A could be constructed from a spectral representation,  $V = U \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n) U^{\intercal}$ , with U an orthogonal matrix and only k of the  $\lambda_i$ 's nonzero.

Under  $\gamma_k$ , the vector  $(\langle a_1, g \rangle, \dots, \langle a_n, g \rangle)$  has a N(0, V) distribution. We could take  $Y_i$  to equal  $\langle a_i, g \rangle$  and  $Z_i$  equal to  $\langle -a_i, g \rangle$ .

Define K to be the convex hull of the set of

$$E:=\{a_1,\ldots,a_n,-a_1,\ldots,-a_n\}.$$

Then K is a compact, convex, symmetric subset of  $\mathbb{R}^k$  with  $0 \in K$ . The extreme points of K all belong to E. It is not too hard (Problem [2]) to deduce from RANK(A) = k that 0 is an interior point.

For each g the linear functional  $t \mapsto \langle t, g \rangle$  achieves its maximum over K at extreme point in E. Thus

$$\gamma_k \sup_{t \in K} \langle t, g \rangle = \gamma_k \sup_{t \in E} \langle t, g \rangle = \mathcal{F}_{Y,Z} \le 2\mathcal{F}_Y.$$

### Problems

Suppose  $\{X_t : t \in T\}$  is a DOOB-separable, centered gaussian process. (i) For each pair s, t in T show that

 $2\mathbb{P}\max(X_s, X_t) = \mathbb{P}\left(|X_s - X_t| + X_s + X_t\right) = 2\|X_s - X_t\|_2 / \sqrt{2\pi}$ 

Hint: If  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  then  $\mathbb{P}|Z| = 2/\sqrt{2\pi}$ .

- (ii) Deduce that  $\mathbb{P} \sup_{t \in T} X_t \ge \sup_{s,t \in T} \|X_s X_t\|_2 / \sqrt{2\pi}$ .
- [2] Using the notation from Section 5, prove that 0 is an interior point of K by arguing as follows.
  - (i) The fact that A has rank equal to k implies that the set  $\{a_j : j \in J\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^k$  for some subset J of [[n]].
  - (ii) Let  $\{e_{\alpha} : \alpha \in [[k]]\}$  denote the usual orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^{k}$ . For each  $\alpha$  there are real numbers  $\theta[\alpha, j]$  for which  $e_{\alpha} = \sum_{j \in J} \theta[\alpha, j]a_{j}$ . Define M to be the positive square root of  $\max_{\alpha} \sum_{j \in J} \theta[\alpha, j]^{2}$ . Suppose  $x = \sum_{\alpha} r_{\alpha}e_{\alpha} \in B[0, \delta]$ . Then  $x = \sum_{j \in J} \lambda_{j}a_{j}$  with  $|\lambda_{j}| \leq |\sum_{\alpha} r_{\alpha}\theta[\alpha, j]| \leq \delta M$ . Thus  $\sum_{j \in J} |\lambda_{j}| \leq 1$  if  $\delta$  is small enough.
  - (iii) Thus  $x = \sum_{j \in J} |\lambda_j|_{\text{SGN}}(\lambda_j) a_j \in K$ .

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