

part I of a short course on

The replica method and its applications in biomedical modelling and data analysis

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replica method

A clever trick that enables the analytical calculation of averages that are normally impossible to do, except numerically.

is particularly useful for

Complex heterogeneous systems composed of *many* interacting variables, and with *many* parameters on which we have only statistical information. (too large for numerical averages to be computationally feasible)

gives us

Analytical predictions for the behaviour of *macroscopic* quantities in *typical* realisations of the systems under study.

note on biomedical applications

The 'large systems' could describe actual *biochemical processes* (folding proteins, proteome, transcriptome, immune or neural networks, etc), or *analysis algorithms* running on large biomedical data sets

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The δ -distribution

- **intuitive definition** of $\delta(x)$:

prob distribution for a 'random' variable x
that is always zero

$$\langle f \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \delta(x) = f(0) \quad \text{for any } f$$

for instance

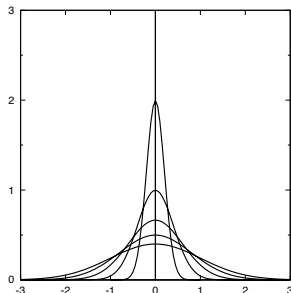
$$\delta(x) = \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2}$$

not a function: $\delta(x \neq 0) = 0$, $\delta(0) = \infty$

- **status of $\delta(x)$:**

$\delta(x)$ only has a meaning when appearing *inside an integration*,
one takes the limit $\sigma \downarrow 0$ *after* performing the integration

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \delta(x) = \lim_{\sigma \downarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \frac{e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2}}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} = \lim_{\sigma \downarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x\sigma) \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = f(0)$$



- **differentiation** of $\delta(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \delta'(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} (f(x) \delta(x)) - f'(x) \delta(x) \right\} \\ &= \lim_{\sigma \downarrow 0} \left[f(x) \frac{e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2}}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \right]_{x=-\infty}^{x=\infty} - f'(0) = -f'(0) \end{aligned}$$

generalization:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \delta(x) = (-1)^n \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

- **integration** of $\delta(x)$:

$$\delta(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \theta(x) \quad \begin{aligned} \theta(x < 0) &= 0 \\ \theta(x > 0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Proof: both sides have same effect in integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \int dx \left\{ \delta(x) - \frac{d}{dx} \theta(x) \right\} f(x) &= f(0) - \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} dx \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} (\theta(x) f(x)) - f'(x) \theta(x) \right\} \\ &= f(0) - \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} [f(\epsilon) - 0] + \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \int_0^{\epsilon} dx f'(x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- **generalization**

to vector arguments:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N : \quad \delta(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \delta(x_i)$$

- **Integral representation** of $\delta(x)$

use defns of Fourier transforms and their inverse:

$$\hat{f}(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\pi i k x} f(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{2\pi i k x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy e^{-2\pi i k y} f(y)$$

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{2\pi i k x} \hat{f}(k)$$

apply to $\delta(x)$:
$$\delta(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{2\pi i k x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{i k x}$$

- invertible **functions of x** as arguments:

$$\delta[g(x) - g(a)] = \frac{\delta(x - a)}{|g'(a)|}$$

Proof: both sides have same effect in integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \left\{ \delta[g(x) - g(a)] - \frac{\delta(x - a)}{|g'(a)|} \right\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx g'(x) \frac{f(x)}{g'(x)} \delta[g(x) - g(a)] - \frac{f(a)}{|g'(a)|} \\ &= \int_{g(-\infty)}^{g(\infty)} dk \frac{f(g^{\text{inv}}(k))}{g'(g^{\text{inv}}(k))} \delta[k - g(a)] - \frac{f(a)}{|g'(a)|} \\ &= \text{sgn}[g'(a)] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \frac{f(g^{\text{inv}}(k))}{g'(g^{\text{inv}}(k))} \delta[k - g(a)] - \frac{f(a)}{|g'(a)|} \\ &= \text{sgn}[g'(a)] \frac{f(a)}{g'(a)} - \frac{f(a)}{|g'(a)|} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Gaussian integrals

- one-dimensional:

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2/\sigma^2} = 1, \quad \int \frac{dx}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} x e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2/\sigma^2} = 0, \quad \int \frac{dx}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} x^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2/\sigma^2} = \sigma^2$$
$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{kx - \frac{1}{2}x^2} = e^{\frac{1}{2}k^2} \quad (k \in \mathbb{C})$$

- N -dimensional:

$$\int \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{C}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{x}} = 1, \quad \int \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{C}}} x_i e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{x}} = 0,$$
$$\int \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{C}}} x_i x_j e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{x}} = C_{ij}$$

- multivariate
Gaussian
distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{C}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{x}}$$
$$\int d\mathbf{x} p(\mathbf{x}) x_i x_j = C_{ij}, \quad \int d\mathbf{x} p(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{C} \mathbf{k}}$$

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Steepest descent integration

Objective of steepest descent
(or 'saddle-point') integration:

large N behavior of integrals of the type

$$I_N = \int_{\mathbf{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})}$$

- $f(\mathbf{x})$ real-valued, smooth, bounded from below, and with unique minimum at \mathbf{x}^*

expand f around minimum:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij=1}^p A_{ij} (x_i - x_i^*) (x_j - x_j^*) + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*|^3) \quad A_{ij} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right|_{\mathbf{x}^*}$$

Insert into integral,
transform $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^* + \mathbf{y}/\sqrt{N}$:

$$\begin{aligned} I_N &= e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x}^*)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) e^{-\frac{1}{2}N \sum_{ij} (x_i - x_i^*) A_{ij} (x_j - x_j^*) + \mathcal{O}(N|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*|^3)} \\ &= N^{-\frac{p}{2}} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x}^*)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^p} d\mathbf{y} g\left(\mathbf{x}^* + \frac{\mathbf{y}}{\sqrt{N}}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} y_i A_{ij} y_j + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{y}|^3/\sqrt{N})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})} = N^{-\frac{p}{2}} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x}^*)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{y} g\left(\mathbf{x}^* + \frac{\mathbf{y}}{\sqrt{N}}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} y_i A_{ij} y_j + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{y}|^3/\sqrt{N})}$$

- first result, for $p \ll N/\log N$:

$$\begin{aligned} & - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})} \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{p \log N}{2N} - \frac{1}{N} \log \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{y} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} y_i A_{ij} y_j + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{y}|^3/\sqrt{N})} \right] \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{p \log N}{2N} - \frac{1}{2N} \log \left(\frac{(2\pi)^p}{\det \mathbf{A}} \right) - \frac{1}{N} \log \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p^{3/2}}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \right) \right] \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{p \log N}{2N} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p}{N}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p^{3/2}}{N^{3/2}}\right) \right] = f(\mathbf{x}^*) \end{aligned}$$

- second result, for $p \ll \sqrt{N}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})}}{\int d\mathbf{x} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})}} &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{y} g(\mathbf{x}^* + \mathbf{y}/\sqrt{N}) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} y_i A_{ij} y_j + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{y}|^3/\sqrt{N})}}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{y} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} y_i A_{ij} y_j + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{y}|^3/\sqrt{N})}} \right] \\ &= \frac{g(\mathbf{x}^*) \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \right) \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi)^p}{\det \mathbf{A}}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p^{3/2}}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{(2\pi)^p}{\det \mathbf{A}}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p^{3/2}}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \right)} = g(\mathbf{x}^*) \end{aligned}$$

- $f(\mathbf{x})$ complex-valued:

- deform integration path in complex plane, using Cauchy's theorem, such that along deformed path the imaginary part of $f(\mathbf{x})$ is constant, and preferably zero

- proceed using Laplace's argument, and find the leading order in N by extremization of the real part of $f(\mathbf{x})$

similar formulae,
but with (possibly complex) extrema
that need no longer be maxima:

$$-\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})} = \text{extr}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p} f(\mathbf{x})$$
$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})}}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})}} = g\left(\arg \text{extr}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p} f(\mathbf{x})\right)$$

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Exponential distributions

Often we study stochastic processes for $\mathbf{x} \in X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$, that evolve to a stationary state, with prob distribution $p(\mathbf{x})$ many are of the following form:

- stationary state is *minimally informative*, subject to a number of constraints

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) \omega_1(\mathbf{x}) = \Omega_1 \quad \dots \quad \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) \omega_L(\mathbf{x}) = \Omega_L$$

This is enough to calculate $p(\mathbf{x})$:

- information content of \mathbf{x} : Shannon entropy
hence

$$\text{maximize } S = - \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) \log p(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{subject to : } \begin{cases} p(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \quad \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) = 1 \\ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) \omega_\ell(\mathbf{x}) = \Omega_\ell \quad \text{for all } \ell = 1 \dots L \end{cases}$$

- solution using Lagrange's method:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p(\mathbf{x})} \left\{ \lambda_0 \sum_{\mathbf{x}' \in X} p(\mathbf{x}') + \sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_\ell \sum_{\mathbf{x}' \in X} p(\mathbf{x}') \omega_\ell(\mathbf{x}') - \sum_{\mathbf{x}' \in X} p(\mathbf{x}') \log p(\mathbf{x}') \right\} = 0$$

$$\lambda_0 + \sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_\ell \omega_\ell(\mathbf{x}) - 1 - \log p(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p(\mathbf{x}) = e^{\lambda_0 - 1 + \sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_\ell \omega_\ell(\mathbf{x})}$$

$(p(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \text{ automatically satisfied})$

- 'exponential distribution':

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_\ell \omega_\ell(\mathbf{x})}}{Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda})}, \quad Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_\ell \omega_\ell(\mathbf{x})}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_L) : \text{ solved from } \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) \omega_\ell(\mathbf{x}) = \Omega_\ell \quad (\ell = 1 \dots L)$$

example:

physical systems in thermal equilibrium

$L = 1$, $\omega(\mathbf{x}) = E(\mathbf{x})$ (energy), $\lambda = -1/k_B T$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{-E(\mathbf{x})/k_B T}}{Z(T)}, \quad Z(T) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{-E(\mathbf{x})/k_B T}$$

Generating functions

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}}{Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda})}, \quad Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}, \quad \langle f \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x})$$

Idea behind generating functions:
reduce nr of state averages to be calculated ...

- define

$$F(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \log Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \quad \frac{\partial F(\boldsymbol{\lambda})}{\partial \lambda_k} = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} \omega_k(\mathbf{x}) e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}}{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}} = \langle \omega_k(\mathbf{x}) \rangle$$

- how to calculate
arbitrary state average $\langle \psi \rangle$?

$$F(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mu) = \log \left[\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\mu \psi(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})} \right]$$
$$\langle \psi \rangle = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial F(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mu)}{\partial \mu}, \quad \langle \omega_{\ell} \rangle = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial F(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mu)}{\partial \lambda_{\ell}}$$

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The replica trick

first appearance: Marc Kac 1968

first application in physics: Sherrington & Kirkpatrick 1975

first application in biology: Amit, Gutfreund & Sompolinsky 1985

- Consider processes with many fixed (pseudo-)random parameters ξ , distributed according to $\mathcal{P}(\xi)$

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\xi) = \frac{e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}}{Z(\lambda, \xi)}, \quad Z(\lambda, \xi) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}$$

- calculating state averages $\langle f \rangle_{\xi}$ for each realisation of ξ is usually impossible
- we are mostly interested in *typical* values of state averages
- for $N \rightarrow \infty$ macroscopic averages will not depend on ξ , only on $\mathcal{P}(\xi)$, ‘self-averaging’: $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle f \rangle_{\xi}$ indep of ξ

so focus on

$$\overline{\langle f \rangle_{\xi}} = \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \langle f \rangle_{\xi} = \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \left\{ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}|\xi) f(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \right\}$$

- new generating function:

$$\bar{F}(\lambda, \mu) = \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \log Z(\lambda, \mu, \xi), \quad Z(\lambda, \mu, \xi) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\mu\psi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) + \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \bar{F}(\lambda, \mu) &= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \left\{ \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} \psi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) e^{\mu\psi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) + \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}}{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\mu\psi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) + \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \left\{ \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} \psi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) e^{\sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}}{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}} \right\} = \overline{\langle \psi \rangle}_{\xi} \end{aligned}$$

- main obstacle in calculating \bar{F} :
the logarithm ...

$$\text{replica identity : } \overline{\log Z} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \bar{Z}^n$$

proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \bar{Z}^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log [e^{n \overline{\log Z}}] = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log [1 + n \overline{\log Z} + \mathcal{O}(n^2)] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log [1 + n \overline{\log Z} + \mathcal{O}(n^2)] = \overline{\log Z} \end{aligned}$$

- apply $\overline{\log Z} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \overline{Z}^n$
(simplest case $L = 1$)

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{F}(\lambda) &= \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \log \left[\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\lambda \omega(\mathbf{x}, \xi)} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \left[\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\lambda \omega(\mathbf{x}, \xi)} \right]^n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \left[\sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} e^{\lambda \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \omega(\mathbf{x}^\alpha, \xi)} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \left[\sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) e^{\lambda \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \omega(\mathbf{x}^\alpha, \xi)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- notes:

- impossible ξ -average converted into simpler one ...
- calculation involves n ‘replicas’ \mathbf{x}^α of original system
- but $n \rightarrow 0$ at the end ... ?
- penultimate step true only for *integer* n ,
so limit requires *analytical continuation* ...

since then: alternative (more tedious) routes,
these confirmed correctness of the replica method!



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The replica trick and algorithms

Suppose we have data D , with prob distr $\mathcal{P}(D)$
and an algorithm which minimises an error function $E(D, \theta)$
(maximum likelihood, Cox & Bayesian regression, SVM, perceptron, ...)

- algorithm outcome:

$$\theta^*(D) = \arg \min_{\theta} E(D, \theta), \quad E_{\min}(D) = \min_{\theta} E(D, \theta)$$

typical performance:

$$\theta^* = \sum_D \mathcal{P}(D) \theta^*(D) = \overline{\theta^*(D)} \quad E_{\min} = \sum_D \mathcal{P}(D) E_{\min}(D) = \overline{E_{\min}(D)}$$

- steepest descent identity & replica trick:

$$E_{\min}(D) = \min_{\theta} E(D, \theta) = - \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\beta} \log \int d\theta e^{-\beta E(D, \theta)}$$

$$E_{\min} = \overline{E_{\min}(D)} = - \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\beta} \overline{\log \int d\theta e^{-\beta E(D, \theta)}}$$

$$= - \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\beta n} \log \left[\overline{\int d\theta e^{-\beta E(D, \theta)}}^n \right]$$

$$= - \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\beta n} \log \int d\theta^1 \dots \theta^n \overline{e^{-\beta \sum_{\alpha=1}^n E(D, \theta^{\alpha})}}$$

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Alternative forms of the replica identity

suppose we need averages, but for a $p(\mathbf{x}|\xi)$ that is not of an exponential form?

or we need to average quantities that we don't want in the exponent of $Z(\lambda\xi)$?

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\xi) = \frac{W(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}{\sum_{\mathbf{x}' \in X} W(\mathbf{x}', \xi)}, \quad \overline{\langle f \rangle}_\xi = \overline{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}|\xi) f(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}$$

- main obstacle here:
the fraction ...

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\langle f \rangle}_\xi &= \overline{\left[\frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) f(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi)} \right]} = \overline{\left[\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) f(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \right] \left[\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \right]^{-1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \overline{\left[\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) f(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \right] \left[\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \right]^{n-1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{f(\mathbf{x}^1, \xi) W(\mathbf{x}^1, \xi) \dots W(\mathbf{x}^n, \xi)} \end{aligned}$$

(again: used integer n , but $n \rightarrow 0$...)

- equivalence between two forms of replica identity, if

$$W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) = e^{\sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}$$

proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{\langle f \rangle}_{\xi} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{f(\mathbf{x}^1, \xi) W(\mathbf{x}^1, \xi) \dots W(\mathbf{x}^n, \xi)} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{f(\mathbf{x}^1, \xi) e^{\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi)}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{\left[\sum_{\alpha=1}^n f(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi) \right] e^{\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi)}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{e^{\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi) + \mu \sum_{\alpha=1}^n f(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi)}} \\
 &= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{e^{\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left[\sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi) + \mu f(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi) \right]}} \\
 &= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \overline{Z^n(\lambda, \mu, \xi)}, \quad Z(\lambda, \mu, \xi) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) + \mu f(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Attractor neural networks

$N \sim 10^{12-14}$ brain cells (neurons),
each connected with $\sim 10^{3-5}$ others

- **neurons**

two states:

$\sigma_i = 1$ (i fires electric pulses)

$\sigma_i = -1$ (i is at rest)

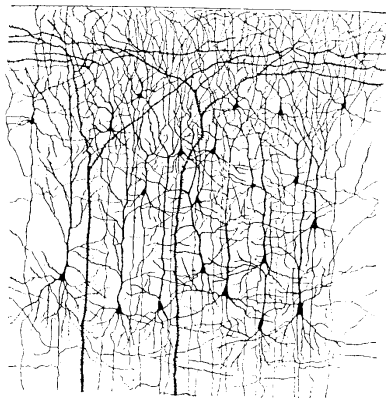
- **dynamics of firing states**

$$\sigma_i(t+1) = \text{sgn} \left[\underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^N J_{ij} \sigma_j(t)}_{\text{activation signal}} + \underbrace{\theta_i + z_i(t)}_{\text{threshold, noise}} \right]$$

$\theta_i \in \mathbb{R}$: firing threshold of neuron i

$J_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$: synaptic connection $j \rightarrow i$

learning = adaptation of $\{J_{ij}, \theta_i\}$



*non-local 'distributed' storage of
'program' and 'data'*

attractor neural networks

models for associative memory in the brain

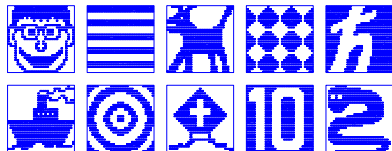
- **the neural code**

represent 'patterns' as

micro-states $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N)$

○: $\sigma_i = -1$, ●: $\sigma_i = 1$

e.g. $N=400$,
10 patterns:



- **information storage**

modify synapses $\{J_{ij}\}$ such that ξ is
stable state (attractor) of the neuronal dynamics

- **information recall**

initial state $\sigma(t=0)$:

evolution to nearest attractor

if $\sigma(0)$ close (i.e. similar) to ξ :

$\sigma(t=\infty) = \xi$



- learning rule: recipe for storing patterns via modification of $\{J_{ij}\}$

Hebb (1949): $\Delta J_{ij} \propto \xi_i \xi_j$

choose $J_{ij} = J_0 \xi_i \xi_j$, $\theta_i = 0$,

update randomly drawn i at each step:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_i(t+1) &= \operatorname{sgn} \left[\sum_{j=1}^N J_{ij} \sigma_j(t) + z_i(t) \right] = \operatorname{sgn} \left[J_0 \xi_i \overbrace{\left(\sum_{j=1}^N \xi_j \sigma_j(t) \right)}^{\text{pattern overlap}} + z_i(t) \right] \\ &= \xi_i \operatorname{sgn} \left[J_0 \sum_{j=1}^N \xi_j \sigma_j(t) + \xi_i z_i(t) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$M(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N \xi_j \sigma_j(t)$ sufficiently large: $\sigma_i(t+1) = \xi_i$

now $M(t+1) \geq M(t) \dots$

will continue until $\sigma = \xi$

- proper analysis:

noise: $P(z) = \frac{\beta}{2} [1 - \tanh^2(\beta z)]$,

symmetric synapses: $J_{ij} = J_{ji}$, $J_{ii} = 0$

sequential updates of σ_i

$$p(\sigma) = \frac{e^{-\beta H(\sigma)}}{Z(\beta)}, \quad H(\sigma) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sigma_i J_{ij} \sigma_j - \sum_i \theta_i \sigma_i$$

a more realistic model,
solvable via the replica method

- **storage of a pattern** $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N) \in \{-1, 1\}^N$
on background of zero-average Gaussian synapses

$$J_{ij} = \frac{J_0}{N} \xi_i \xi_j + \frac{J}{\sqrt{N}} z_{ij}, \quad \bar{z}_{ij} = 0, \quad \overline{z_{ij}^2} = 1, \quad J, J_0 \geq 0, \quad \theta_i = 0$$

to be averaged over: background synapses $\{z_{ij}\}$

pattern overlap: $m(\sigma) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \sigma_k \xi_k$

$$\begin{aligned} H(\sigma) &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sigma_i \sigma_j \left\{ \frac{J_0}{N} \xi_i \xi_j + \frac{J}{\sqrt{N}} z_{ij} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{J_0}{2N} \sum_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j \xi_i \xi_j + \frac{J_0}{2N} \sum_i 1 - \frac{J}{2\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i \neq j} \sigma_i \sigma_j z_{ij} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} N J_0 m^2(\sigma) + \frac{1}{2} J_0 - \frac{J}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i < j} \sigma_i \sigma_j z_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

- **generating function**

$$\bar{F} = \overline{\log Z(\beta)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \overline{Z^n(\beta)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \left[\sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} \overline{e^{-\beta \sum_{\alpha=1}^n H(\sigma^\alpha)}} \right]$$

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The replica calculation

short-hands: $m(\sigma) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \xi_i \sigma_i$, $Dz = (2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{-z^2/2} dz$

Gaussian integral: $\int Dz e^{xz} = e^{\frac{1}{2}x^2}$

- average over random synapses

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{Z^n(\beta)} &= \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} \overline{e^{-\beta \sum_{\alpha=1}^n H(\sigma^\alpha)}} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} \overline{e^{-\beta \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{2} J_0 - \frac{1}{2} N J_0 m^2(\sigma^\alpha) - \frac{J}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i < j} \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_j^\alpha z_{ij} \right]}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} n \beta J_0} \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} e^{\frac{1}{2} N \beta J_0 \sum_{\alpha=1}^n m^2(\sigma^\alpha)} \overline{e^{\frac{\beta J}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{i < j} \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_j^\alpha z_{ij}}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} n \beta J_0} \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} e^{\frac{1}{2} N \beta J_0 \sum_{\alpha=1}^n m^2(\sigma^\alpha)} \prod_{i < j} \int Dz e^{\frac{\beta J}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_j^\alpha z} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} n \beta J_0} \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} e^{\frac{1}{2} N \beta J_0 \sum_{\alpha=1}^n m^2(\sigma^\alpha)} \prod_{i < j} e^{\frac{\beta^2 J^2}{2N} \left[\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_j^\alpha \right]^2} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} n \beta J_0} \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} e^{N \left[\frac{1}{2} \beta J_0 \sum_{\alpha=1}^n m^2(\sigma^\alpha) + \frac{1}{2} (\beta J)^2 \sum_{\alpha, \gamma=1}^n \left(N^{-2} \sum_{i < j} \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_j^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \sigma_j^\gamma \right) \right]}\end{aligned}$$

● **complete square** in sums over neurons

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i < j} \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_j^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \sigma_j^\gamma &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_j^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \sigma_j^\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_j^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \sigma_j^\gamma - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_i \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} N \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{Z^n(\beta)} &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} n \beta J_0} \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} e^{N \left[\frac{1}{2} \beta J_0 \sum_{\alpha=1}^n m^2(\sigma^\alpha) + \frac{1}{4} (\beta J)^2 \sum_{\alpha, \gamma=1}^n \left(\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \right)^2 - \frac{1}{N} \right) \right]} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} n \beta J_0 - \frac{1}{4} n (\beta J)^2} \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} e^{N \left[\frac{1}{2} \beta J_0 \sum_{\alpha=1}^n m^2(\sigma^\alpha) + \frac{1}{4} (\beta J)^2 \sum_{\alpha, \gamma=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \right)^2 \right]} \end{aligned}$$

● insert:

$$1 = \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \int dm_\alpha \delta \left(m_\alpha - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \xi_i \sigma_i^\alpha \right), \quad 1 = \prod_{\alpha, \gamma=1}^n \int dq_{\alpha\gamma} \delta \left(q_{\alpha\gamma} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \right)$$

$\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{Z^n(\beta)} &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} n \beta J_0 - \frac{1}{4} n (\beta J)^2} \int d\mathbf{m} d\mathbf{q} e^{N \left[\frac{1}{2} \beta J_0 \sum_{\alpha=1}^n m_\alpha^2 + \frac{1}{4} (\beta J)^2 \sum_{\alpha, \gamma=1}^n q_{\alpha\gamma}^2 \right]} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} \left[\prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta \left(m_\alpha - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \xi_i \sigma_i^\alpha \right) \right] \left[\prod_{\alpha, \gamma=1}^n \delta \left(q_{\alpha\gamma} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

remember: $\delta(x) = (2\pi)^{-1} \int d\hat{x} e^{ix\hat{x}}$

• the **sum over neuron state variables**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} \left[\prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta\left(m_\alpha - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \xi_i \sigma_i^\alpha\right) \right] \left[\prod_{\alpha, \gamma=1}^n \delta\left(q_{\alpha\gamma} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma\right) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} \int \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{m}} d\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{(2\pi)^{n^2+n}} e^{i \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \hat{m}_\alpha \left[m_\alpha - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \xi_i \sigma_i^\alpha \right] + i \sum_{\alpha, \gamma=1}^n \hat{q}_{\alpha\gamma} \left[q_{\alpha\gamma} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \right]} \\
 &= \int \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{m}} d\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{(2\pi)^{n(n+1)}} e^{i \sum_\alpha \hat{m}_\alpha m_\alpha + i \sum_{\alpha\gamma} \hat{q}_{\alpha\gamma} q_{\alpha\gamma}} \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} \prod_{i=1}^N e^{-\frac{i}{N} \left[\sum_\alpha \hat{m}_\alpha \xi_i \sigma_i^\alpha + \sum_{\alpha\gamma} \hat{q}_{\alpha\gamma} \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \right]} \\
 &= \int \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{m}} d\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{(2\pi)^{n(n+1)}} e^{i \sum_\alpha \hat{m}_\alpha m_\alpha + i \sum_{\alpha\gamma} \hat{q}_{\alpha\gamma} q_{\alpha\gamma}} \prod_i \sum_{\sigma_i^1 \dots \sigma_i^n} e^{-\frac{i}{N} \left[\sum_\alpha \hat{m}_\alpha \xi_i \sigma_i^\alpha + \sum_{\alpha\gamma} \hat{q}_{\alpha\gamma} \sigma_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\gamma \right]}
 \end{aligned}$$

transform: $\hat{\mathbf{m}} \rightarrow N\hat{\mathbf{m}}, \hat{\mathbf{q}} \rightarrow N\hat{\mathbf{q}}, \sigma_\alpha \rightarrow \xi_i \sigma_\alpha$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\sigma^1 \dots \sigma^n} [\dots][\dots] &= \int \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{m}} d\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{(2\pi/N)^{n(n+1)}} e^{iN[\hat{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \mathbf{m} + \text{Tr}(\hat{\mathbf{q}}\mathbf{q})]} \left[\sum_{\sigma \in \{-1,1\}^n} e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \sigma - i\sigma \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}\sigma} \right]^N \\
 &= \int \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{m}} d\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{(2\pi/N)^{n(n+1)}} e^{iN\hat{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \mathbf{m} + iN\text{Tr}(\hat{\mathbf{q}}\mathbf{q}) + N \log \sum_{\sigma} \exp(-i\hat{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \sigma - i\sigma \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}\sigma)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- combine everything ...

$$\overline{Z^n(\beta)} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}n\beta J_0 - \frac{1}{4}n(\beta J)^2 - n(n+1)\log(2\pi/N)} \int d\mathbf{m}d\mathbf{q}d\hat{\mathbf{m}}d\hat{\mathbf{q}} e^{N\Psi(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{m}}, \hat{\mathbf{q}})}$$

$$\Psi(\dots) = \frac{1}{2}\beta J_0 \mathbf{m}^2 + \frac{1}{4}(\beta J)^2 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{q}^2) + i\hat{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \mathbf{m} + i\text{Tr}(\hat{\mathbf{q}}\mathbf{q}) + \log \sum_{\sigma} e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \sigma - i\sigma \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{F} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \overline{Z^n(\beta)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}\beta J_0 - \frac{1}{4}(\beta J)^2 - \log\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right) + \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \int d\mathbf{m}d\mathbf{q}d\hat{\mathbf{m}}d\hat{\mathbf{q}} e^{N\Psi(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{m}}, \hat{\mathbf{q}})} \end{aligned}$$

- Since $\overline{F} = \mathcal{O}(N)$,
large N behaviour follows from

$$\overline{f} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \overline{F}/N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{nN} \log \int d\mathbf{m}d\mathbf{q}d\hat{\mathbf{m}}d\hat{\mathbf{q}} e^{N\Psi(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{m}}, \hat{\mathbf{q}})}$$

- assume limits commute,
steepest descent integration:

$$\overline{f} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \text{extr}_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{m}}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}} \Psi(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{m}}, \hat{\mathbf{q}})$$

$$\Psi(\dots) = \frac{1}{2}\beta J_0 \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}^2 + \frac{1}{4}(\beta J)^2 \sum_{\alpha\gamma} q_{\alpha\gamma}^2 + i \sum_{\alpha} \hat{m}_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} + i \sum_{\alpha\gamma} \hat{q}_{\alpha\gamma} q_{\alpha\gamma} \\ + \log \sum_{\sigma} e^{-i \sum_{\lambda} \hat{m}_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} - i \sum_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} \hat{q}_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\zeta}}$$

● saddle-point eqns

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial m_{\alpha}} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial q_{\alpha\gamma}} = 0 : \quad \beta J_0 m_{\alpha} + i \hat{m}_{\alpha} = 0, \quad \frac{1}{2}(\beta J)^2 q_{\alpha\gamma} + i \hat{q}_{\alpha\gamma} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \hat{m}_{\alpha}} = 0 : \quad i m_{\alpha} - i \frac{\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_{\alpha} e^{-i \sum_{\lambda} \hat{m}_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} - i \sum_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} \hat{q}_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\zeta}}}{\sum_{\sigma} e^{-i \sum_{\lambda} \hat{m}_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} - i \sum_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} \hat{q}_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\zeta}}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \hat{q}_{\alpha\gamma}} = 0 : \quad i q_{\alpha\gamma} - i \frac{\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_{\alpha} \sigma_{\gamma} e^{-i \sum_{\lambda} \hat{m}_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} - i \sum_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} \hat{q}_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\zeta}}}{\sum_{\sigma} e^{-i \sum_{\lambda} \hat{m}_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} - i \sum_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} \hat{q}_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\zeta}}} = 0$$

● eliminate (\hat{m}, \hat{q})

$$m_{\alpha} = \frac{\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_{\alpha} e^{\beta J_0 \sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}(\beta J)^2 \sum_{\lambda \neq \zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} q_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\zeta}}}{\sum_{\sigma} e^{\beta J_0 \sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}(\beta J)^2 \sum_{\lambda \neq \zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} q_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\zeta}}}$$

$$q_{\alpha\gamma} = \frac{\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_{\alpha} \sigma_{\gamma} e^{\beta J_0 \sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}(\beta J)^2 \sum_{\lambda \neq \zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} q_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\zeta}}}{\sum_{\sigma} e^{\beta J_0 \sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}(\beta J)^2 \sum_{\lambda \neq \zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} q_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_{\zeta}}}$$

trivial soln: $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$,
any others?

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Replica symmetry

- $\beta = 0$ (infinite noise level):

$$m_\alpha = \frac{\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_\alpha e^0}{\sum_{\sigma} e^0} = 0, \quad q_{\alpha\gamma} = \frac{\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_\alpha \sigma_\gamma e^0}{\sum_{\sigma} e^0} = 0 \quad \mathbf{m=q=0 \text{ if } \beta=0}$$

- bifurcations from trivial soln:

$$\begin{aligned} m_\alpha &= \frac{\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_\alpha \left[1 + \beta J_0 \sum_{\lambda} m_\lambda \sigma_\lambda + \frac{1}{2} (\beta J)^2 \sum_{\lambda \neq \zeta} \sigma_\lambda q_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_\zeta \right]}{\sum_{\sigma} \left[1 + \beta J_0 \sum_{\lambda} m_\lambda \sigma_\lambda + \frac{1}{2} (\beta J)^2 \sum_{\lambda \neq \zeta} \sigma_\lambda q_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_\zeta \right]} + \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{q})^2 \\ &= \frac{2^n \beta J_0 m_\alpha}{2^n} + \dots = \beta J_0 m_\alpha + \dots \quad \mathbf{m \neq 0 \text{ if } \beta J_0 > 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\alpha\gamma} &= \frac{\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_\alpha \sigma_\gamma \left[1 + \beta J_0 \sum_{\lambda} m_\lambda \sigma_\lambda + \frac{1}{2} (\beta J)^2 \sum_{\lambda \neq \zeta} \sigma_\lambda q_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_\zeta \right]}{\sum_{\sigma} \left[1 + \beta J_0 \sum_{\lambda} m_\lambda \sigma_\lambda + \frac{1}{2} (\beta J)^2 \sum_{\lambda \neq \zeta} \sigma_\lambda q_{\lambda\zeta} \sigma_\zeta \right]} + \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{q})^2 \\ &= \frac{2^n (\beta J)^2 q_{\alpha\gamma} + \dots}{2^n} + \dots = (\beta J)^2 q_{\alpha\gamma} + \dots \quad \mathbf{q \neq 0 \text{ if } \beta J > 1} \end{aligned}$$

how to find form of nontrivial solns $\{m_\alpha, q_{\alpha\gamma}\}$?

need their physical interpretation!

use alternative form(s) of replica identity:

$$\overline{\langle f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) \rangle} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\gamma=1}^n \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}^1} \dots \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}^n} \overline{f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^\gamma) e^{-\beta \sum_{\alpha=1}^n H(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^\alpha)}}$$

$$\overline{\langle \langle f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}') \rangle \rangle} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{\alpha \neq \gamma=1}^n \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}^1} \dots \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}^n} \overline{f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^\alpha, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^\gamma) e^{-\beta \sum_{\alpha=1}^n H(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^\alpha)}}$$

apply to

$$P(m|\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \delta \left[m - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \sigma_i \right], \quad P(q|\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}') = \delta \left[q - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i \sigma'_i \right]$$

repeat steps of previous calculation,

gives expressions in terms of

saddle-point soln $\{m_\alpha, q_{\alpha\gamma}\}$:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \overline{\langle P(m|\boldsymbol{\sigma}) \rangle} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \delta[m - m_\alpha]$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \overline{\langle \langle P(q|\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}') \rangle \rangle} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{\alpha \neq \gamma=1}^n \delta[q - q_{\alpha\gamma}]$$

ergodic mean-field systems

fluctuations in quantities like $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \sigma_i$
or $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i \sigma'_i$ scale as $\mathcal{O}(N^{-1/2})$

hence

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle P(m|\sigma) \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \delta \left[m - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \sigma_i \right] \right\rangle = \delta \left[m - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \langle \sigma_i \rangle \right]$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle \langle P(q|\sigma, \sigma') \rangle \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle \langle \delta \left[q - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i \sigma'_i \right] \rangle \rangle = \delta \left[q - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \sigma_i \rangle^2 \right]$$

hence

$$\forall \alpha : \quad m_\alpha = m = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \overline{\langle \sigma_i \rangle}$$

$$\forall \alpha \neq \gamma : \quad q_{\alpha\gamma} = q = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \overline{\langle \sigma_i \rangle^2}$$

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Replica symmetric solution

$m_\alpha = m$, $q_{\alpha \neq \beta} = q$, now find m and q ...

- **RS saddle-point eqns**

insert RS form and use $\exp(\frac{1}{2}x^2) = \int Dz e^{xz}$

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \frac{\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_{\alpha} e^{\beta J_0 m \sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}(\beta J)^2 q \sum_{\lambda \neq \zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} \sigma_{\zeta}}}{\sum_{\sigma} e^{\beta J_0 m \sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}(\beta J)^2 q \sum_{\lambda \neq \zeta} \sigma_{\lambda} \sigma_{\zeta}}} = \frac{\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_{\alpha} e^{\beta J_0 m \sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}(\beta J)^2 q [\sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda}]^2}}{\sum_{\sigma} e^{\beta J_0 m \sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}(\beta J)^2 q [\sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda}]^2}} \\ &= \frac{\int Dz \sum_{\sigma} \sigma_{\alpha} \prod_{\lambda=1}^n e^{\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})\sigma_{\lambda}}}{\int Dz \sum_{\sigma} \prod_{\lambda=1}^n e^{\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})\sigma_{\lambda}}} \\ &= \frac{\int Dz \sinh[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})] \cosh^{n-1}[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})]}{\int Dz \cosh^n[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})]} \end{aligned}$$

similarly

$$q = \frac{\int Dz \sinh^2[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})] \cosh^{n-2}[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})]}{\int Dz \cosh^n[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})]}$$

- **the limit $n \rightarrow 0$**

$$m = \int Dz \tanh[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})], \quad q = \int Dz \tanh^2[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})]$$

RS equations for $m = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \overline{\langle \sigma_i \rangle}$
and $q = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \overline{\langle \sigma_i \rangle^2}$

$$m = \int Dz \tanh[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})], \quad q = \int Dz \tanh^2[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})]$$

- bifurcations away from $(m, q) = (0, 0)$:

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \int Dz [\beta J_0 m + \beta Jz\sqrt{q} + \mathcal{O}(m, \sqrt{q})^3] = \beta J_0 m + \dots \\ q &= \int Dz [\beta J_0 m + \beta Jz\sqrt{q} + \mathcal{O}(m, \sqrt{q})^3]^2 = \int Dz (\beta J)^2 z^2 q + \dots \\ &= (\beta J)^2 q + \dots \end{aligned}$$

hence:

first continuous bifurcations away from $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{0}$,
as identified earlier, are the RS solutions

$$m = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \overline{\langle \sigma_i \rangle},$$

$$q = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \overline{\langle \sigma_i \rangle^2}$$

$$m = \int Dz \tanh[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})],$$

$$q = \int Dz \tanh^2[\beta(J_0 m + Jz\sqrt{q})]$$

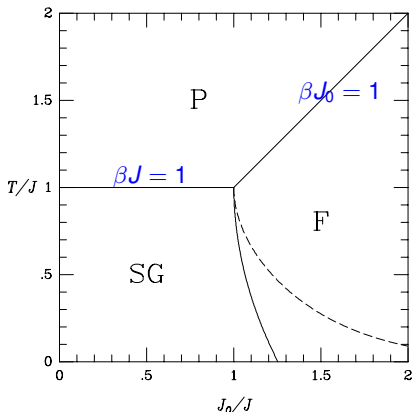
phase diagram

P: $m = q = 0$
random neuronal firing

SG: $m = 0, q > 0$
stable firing patterns, but
not related to stored pattern

F: $m, q > 0$
recall of stored information

$T = 1/\beta$ (noise strength)



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Linear separability of data and version space

Dimension mismatch and overfitting

two clinical outcomes (A,B),
4 patients, 60 expression levels ...

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A : (100101001010010101010010001010111001001001001001000011111)  
A : (010001000010101001010101010010101000111100101001001010101000)  
B : (001010001110101101100100100111001110010100101010101000101010)  
B : (101011001010110010100100111100100101100111010111010001010010)
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prognostic signature!

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A : (100101001010010101010010001010111001001001001001001001000011111)  
A : (010001000010101001010101010010101000111100101001001010101000)  
B : (001010001110101101100100100111001110010100101010101000101010)  
B : (1010110010101100101001001111001001011001111010111010001010010)
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shuffle outcome labels ...

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A : (100101001010010101010010001010111001001001001001001000011111)  
B : (010001000010101001010101010010101000111100101001001010101000)  
A : (00101000111010110100100100111001110010100101010101000101010)  
B : (101011001010110010100100111100100101100111010111010001010010)
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*overfitting, no reproducibility ...
how about overfitting in regression?*

Suppose we have data D on N patients,
pairs of covariate vectors + clinical outcome labels

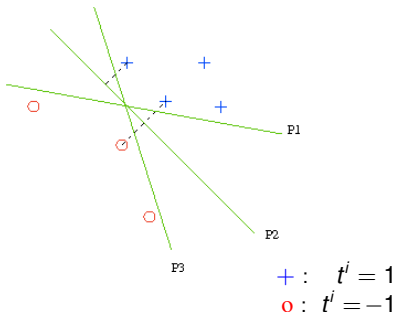
$$D = \{(\mathbf{x}^1, t^1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^N, t^N)\}, \quad \mathbf{x}^i \in \{-1, 1\}^p, \quad t^i \in \{-1, 1\}, \quad p, N \gg 1$$

e.g. \mathbf{x}^i = gene expressions of i (on/off)
 t^i = treatment response of i (yes/no)

- assumed model:

$$t(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{\mu=1}^p \theta_{\mu} x_{\mu} > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } \sum_{\mu=1}^p \theta_{\mu} x_{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \operatorname{sgn} \left[\sum_{\mu=1}^p \theta_{\mu} x_{\mu} \right]$$



- regression/classification task:
find parameters $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_p)$
such that

for all $i = 1 \dots N$:
$$t^i = \operatorname{sgn} \left[\sum_{\mu=1}^p \theta_{\mu} x_{\mu}^i \right]$$

- data D explained perfectly by θ if

$$\text{for all } i = 1 \dots N: \quad t^i = \text{sgn}[\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}^i], \quad \text{i.e. } t^i(\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}^i) > 0$$

$$\text{separating plane in input space:} \quad \theta \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\text{distance } \Delta_i \text{ between } \mathbf{x}^i \text{ and separating plane:} \quad d_i = t^i(\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}^i)/|\theta|$$

$$|\theta| \text{ irrelevant, so choose } |\theta|^2 = p$$

- version space**

all θ that solve above eqns

with distances κ or larger

volume of version space:

$$V(\kappa) = \int d\theta \delta(\theta^2 - p) \prod_{i=1}^N \theta \left[\frac{t^i(\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}^i)}{\sqrt{p}} > \kappa \right]$$

- high dimensional data: p large, $\alpha = N/p$

$V(\kappa)$ scales exponentially with p , so

$$F = \frac{1}{p} \log V(\kappa) = \frac{1}{p} \log \int d\theta \delta(\theta^2 - p) \prod_{i=1}^N \theta \left[\frac{t^i(\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}^i)}{\sqrt{p}} > \kappa \right]$$

$F = -\infty$: no solutions θ exist, data D not linearly separable

$F = \text{finite}$: solutions θ exist, data D linearly separable

overfitting: find parameters θ that 'explain' random patterns

what if we choose **random data** D ?

$$D = \{(\mathbf{x}^1, t^1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^N, t^N)\}, \quad \mathbf{x}^i \in \{-1, 1\}^p, \quad t^i \in \{-1, 1\}, \quad \text{fully random}$$

typical classification

performance:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F} &= \frac{1}{\rho} \log \int d\theta \delta(\rho - \theta^2) \prod_{i=1}^N \theta \left[\frac{t^i(\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}^i)}{\sqrt{\rho}} > \kappa \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\rho} \log \int \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{iz\rho} \int d\theta e^{-iz\theta^2} \prod_{i=1}^N \theta \left[\frac{t^i(\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}^i)}{\sqrt{\rho}} > \kappa \right] \end{aligned}$$

transport data vars to harmless place,

using δ -functions, by inserting

$$1 = \int dy_i \delta \left[y_i - \frac{t^i(\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}^i)}{\sqrt{\rho}} \right] = \int \frac{dy_i d\hat{y}_i}{2\pi} e^{i\hat{y}_i y_i - i\hat{y}_i t^i(\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}^i) / \sqrt{\rho}}$$

gives

$$\bar{F} = \frac{1}{\rho} \log \int \frac{dz d\mathbf{y} d\hat{\mathbf{y}} d\theta}{(2\pi)^{N+1}} e^{iz\rho + i\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{y} - iz\theta^2} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \theta(y_i - \kappa) e^{-i\hat{y}_i t^i(\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}^i) / \sqrt{\rho}} \right)$$

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The replica calculation

large p , large N ,
 $N = \alpha p$:

$$\bar{F} = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{p} \log \int \frac{dz d\mathbf{y} d\hat{\mathbf{y}} d\boldsymbol{\theta}}{(2\pi)^{N+1}} e^{izp + i\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{y} - iz\boldsymbol{\theta}^2} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \theta(y_i - \kappa) e^{-i\hat{y}_i t^i(\boldsymbol{\theta} \cdot \mathbf{x}^i) / \sqrt{p}} \right)$$

- replica identity

$$\overline{\log Z} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} n^{-1} \log \overline{Z^n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F} &= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{pn} \log \left[\int \frac{dz d\mathbf{y} d\hat{\mathbf{y}} d\boldsymbol{\theta}}{(2\pi)^{N+1}} e^{izp + i\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{y} - iz\boldsymbol{\theta}^2} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \theta(y_i - \kappa) e^{-i\hat{y}_i t^i(\boldsymbol{\theta} \cdot \mathbf{x}^i) / \sqrt{p}} \right) \right]^n \\ &= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{pn} \log \int \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \left[\frac{dz^\alpha d\mathbf{y}^\alpha d\hat{\mathbf{y}}^\alpha d\boldsymbol{\theta}^\alpha}{(2\pi)^{N+1}} e^{ipz^\alpha + i\hat{\mathbf{y}}^\alpha \cdot \mathbf{y}^\alpha - iz^\alpha (\boldsymbol{\theta}^\alpha)^2} \prod_{i=1}^N \theta[y_i^\alpha - \kappa] \right] \\ &\quad \times \overline{e^{-i \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \hat{y}_i^\alpha t^i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^\alpha \cdot \mathbf{x}^i) / \sqrt{p}}} \end{aligned}$$

- average over data D :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Xi &= \overline{e^{-i \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \hat{y}_i^\alpha t^i (\boldsymbol{\theta}^\alpha \cdot \mathbf{x}^i) / \sqrt{p}}} = \overline{e^{-i \sum_{\mu=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^N t^i x_{i\mu}^j \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \hat{y}_i^\alpha \theta_\mu^\alpha / \sqrt{p}}} \\
 &= \prod_{\mu=1}^p \prod_{i=1}^N \overline{e^{-i t^i x_{i\mu}^j \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \hat{y}_i^\alpha \theta_\mu^\alpha / \sqrt{p}}} = \prod_{\mu=1}^p \prod_{i=1}^N \cos \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \hat{y}_i^\alpha \theta_\mu^\alpha \right] \\
 &= \prod_{\mu=1}^p \prod_{i=1}^N \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2p} \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \hat{y}_i^\alpha \theta_\mu^\alpha \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{p^2}\right) \right\} = e^{-\frac{1}{2p} \sum_{\mu=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^n \hat{y}_i^\alpha \hat{y}_i^\beta \theta_\mu^\alpha \theta_\mu^\beta + \mathcal{O}(p^0)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- giving

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{F} &= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{pn} \log \int \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \left[\frac{dz^\alpha dy d\hat{y}^\alpha d\theta^\alpha}{(2\pi)^{N+1}} e^{ipz^\alpha + i\hat{y}^\alpha \cdot \mathbf{y}^\alpha - iz(\boldsymbol{\theta}^\alpha)^2} \prod_{i=1}^N \theta(y_i^\alpha - \kappa) \right] \\
 &\quad \times e^{-\frac{1}{2p} \sum_{\mu=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^n \hat{y}_i^\alpha \hat{y}_i^\beta \theta_\mu^\alpha \theta_\mu^\beta + \mathcal{O}(p^0)} \\
 &= -\alpha \log(2\pi) + \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{pn} \log \int \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \left(dz^\alpha d\theta^\alpha e^{ipz^\alpha - iz^\alpha (\boldsymbol{\theta}^\alpha)^2} \right) \\
 &\quad \times \prod_{i=1}^N \int \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \left[dy_i^\alpha d\hat{y}_i^\alpha e^{i \sum_{\alpha} \hat{y}_i^\alpha y_i^\alpha} \theta[y_i^\alpha - \kappa] \right] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \hat{y}_i^\alpha \hat{y}_i^\beta \left[\frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu=1}^p \theta_\mu^\alpha \theta_\mu^\beta \right]}
 \end{aligned}$$

- so, with $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$, $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\hat{y}_1, \dots, \hat{y}_n)$,
 $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F} &= -\alpha \log(2\pi) + \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{pn} \log \int d\mathbf{z} \left(\prod_{\alpha=1}^n d\theta^\alpha e^{i\rho z^\alpha - iz^\alpha (\theta^\alpha)^2} \right) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \int d\mathbf{y} d\hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{y}} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^\alpha - \kappa] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \hat{y}^\alpha \hat{y}^\beta \left[\frac{1}{\rho} \sum_{\mu=1}^p \theta_\mu^\alpha \theta_\mu^\beta \right]} \right\}^N \end{aligned}$$

- insert

$$1 = \int dq_{\alpha\beta} \delta \left[q_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu=1}^p \theta_\mu^\alpha \theta_\mu^\beta \right] = \int \frac{dq_{\alpha\beta} d\hat{q}_{\alpha\beta}}{2\pi/p} e^{ip\hat{q}_{\alpha\beta} \left[q_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu=1}^p \theta_\mu^\alpha \theta_\mu^\beta \right]}$$

to get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F} &= -\alpha \log(2\pi) + \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{pn} \log \int d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{q} d\hat{\mathbf{q}} e^{ip \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^n \hat{q}_{\alpha\beta} q_{\alpha\beta} + ip \sum_{\alpha=1}^n z_\alpha} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \int d\mathbf{y} d\hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{y}} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^\alpha - \kappa] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{q} \hat{\mathbf{y}}} \right\}^N \int \prod_{\alpha=1}^n (d\theta^\alpha e^{-iz^\alpha (\theta^\alpha)^2}) e^{-i \sum_{\mu=1}^p \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \hat{q}_{\alpha\beta} \theta_\mu^\alpha \theta_\mu^\beta} \end{aligned}$$

- so, with $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$:
(remember: $N = \alpha p$)

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F} &= -\alpha \log(2\pi) + \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{pn} \log \int dz d\mathbf{q} d\hat{\mathbf{q}} e^{ip \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^n \hat{q}_{\alpha\beta} q_{\alpha\beta} + ip \sum_{\alpha=1}^n z_{\alpha}} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \int d\mathbf{y} d\hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{y}} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{q} \hat{\mathbf{y}}} \right\}^{\alpha p} \left\{ \int d\theta e^{-i \sum_{\alpha=1}^n z^{\alpha} \theta_{\alpha}^2 - i \theta \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}} \theta} \right\}^p \\ &= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{pn} \log \int dz d\mathbf{q} d\hat{\mathbf{q}} e^{p\Psi(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{q}})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(\dots) &= i \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^n \hat{q}_{\alpha\beta} q_{\alpha\beta} + i \sum_{\alpha=1}^n z_{\alpha} + \log \int d\theta e^{-i \sum_{\alpha=1}^n z^{\alpha} \theta_{\alpha}^2 - i \theta \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}} \theta} \\ &\quad + \alpha \log \int d\mathbf{y} d\hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{y}} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{q} \hat{\mathbf{y}}} - \alpha n \log(2\pi) \end{aligned}$$

- assume limits $n \rightarrow 0$ and $p \rightarrow \infty$ commute,
steepest descent integration

$$\bar{F} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \text{extr}_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}} \Psi(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{q}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}) &= i \sum_{\alpha\beta=1}^n \hat{q}_{\alpha\beta} q_{\alpha\beta} + i \sum_{\alpha=1}^n z_{\alpha} + \log \int d\boldsymbol{\theta} e^{-i \sum_{\alpha=1}^n z_{\alpha} \theta_{\alpha}^2 - i \boldsymbol{\theta} \cdot \mathbf{q} \boldsymbol{\theta}} \\ &\quad + \alpha \log \int d\mathbf{y} d\hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{y}} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{q} \hat{\mathbf{y}}} - \alpha n \log(2\pi) \end{aligned}$$

- transform $\hat{q}_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{2} i k_{\alpha\beta} - z_{\alpha} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$,
and integrate over $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta=1}^n k_{\alpha\beta} q_{\alpha\beta} + i \sum_{\alpha=1}^n z_{\alpha} (1 - q_{\alpha\alpha}) + \log \int d\boldsymbol{\theta} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\theta} \cdot \mathbf{k} \boldsymbol{\theta}} \\ &\quad + \alpha \log \int d\mathbf{y} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] \int d\hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{i\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{y} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{q} \hat{\mathbf{y}}} - \alpha n \log(2\pi) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta=1}^n k_{\alpha\beta} q_{\alpha\beta} + i \sum_{\alpha=1}^n z_{\alpha} (1 - q_{\alpha\alpha}) + \log \frac{(2\pi)^{n/2}}{\sqrt{\text{Det} \mathbf{k}}} \\ &\quad + \alpha \log \int d\mathbf{y} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] \frac{(2\pi)^{n/2}}{\sqrt{\text{Det} \mathbf{q}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{q}^{-1} \mathbf{y}} - \alpha n \log(2\pi) \end{aligned}$$

- re-organise:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta=1}^n k_{\alpha\beta} q_{\alpha\beta} + i \sum_{\alpha=1}^n z_{\alpha} (1 - q_{\alpha\alpha}) - \frac{1}{2} \log \text{Det } \mathbf{k} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha \log \text{Det } \mathbf{q} \\ + \alpha \log \int d\mathbf{y} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{q}^{-1} \mathbf{y}} + \frac{1}{2} n(1 - \alpha) \log(2\pi)$$

- extremise with respect to \mathbf{z} :

$$\partial\Psi/\partial z_{\alpha} = 0 : q_{\alpha\alpha} = 0 \text{ for all } \alpha$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2} n(1 - \alpha) \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta=1}^n k_{\alpha\beta} q_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \log \text{Det } \mathbf{k} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha \log \text{Det } \mathbf{q} \\ + \alpha \log \int d\mathbf{y} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{q}^{-1} \mathbf{y}}$$

next: ergodicity assumption,
replica-symmetric form for \mathbf{q} and \mathbf{k} ...

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Gardner's replica symmetric theory

$$\Psi(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2}n(1-\alpha)\log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{\alpha\beta=1}^n k_{\alpha\beta}q_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}\log\text{Det } \mathbf{k} - \frac{1}{2}\alpha\log\text{Det } \mathbf{q} \\ + \alpha\log\int d\mathbf{y}\prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha-\kappa}]e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}\cdot\mathbf{q}^{-1}\mathbf{y}}$$

RS saddle-points

$$q_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} + (1-\delta_{\alpha\beta})q, \quad k_{\alpha\beta} = K\delta_{\alpha\beta} + (1-\delta_{\alpha\beta})k$$

- eigenvalues:

$$\mathbf{x} = (1, \dots, 1) : \quad (\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x})_{\alpha} = \sum_{\beta=1}^n [k + (K-k)\delta_{\alpha\beta}]x_{\beta} = nk + K - k \\ \text{eigenvalue} : \quad \lambda = nk + K - k$$

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^n x_{\alpha} = 0 : \quad (\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x})_{\alpha} = \sum_{\beta=1}^n [k + (K-k)\delta_{\alpha\beta}]x_{\beta} = (K-k)x_{\alpha} \\ \text{eigenvalue} : \quad \lambda = K - k \quad (n-1 \text{ fold})$$

hence

$$\text{Det } \mathbf{k} = (nk + K - k)(K - k)^{n-1}, \quad \text{Det } \mathbf{q} = (nq + 1 - q)(1 - q)^{n-1}$$

- invert \mathbf{q} , try $(\mathbf{q}^{-1})_{\alpha\beta} = r + (R-r)\delta_{\alpha\beta}$,
demand:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{\alpha\beta} &= (\mathbf{q}\mathbf{q}^{-1})_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{\gamma} (q + (1-q)\delta_{\alpha\gamma})(r + (R-r)\delta_{\gamma\beta}) \\ &= nqr + q(R-r) + r(1-q) + (R-r)(1-q)\delta_{\alpha\beta}\end{aligned}$$

so $nqr + q(R-r) + r(1-q) = 0, \quad (R-r)(1-q) = 1$

$$R = r + \frac{1}{1-q}, \quad r = -\frac{q}{(1-q)(1-q+nq)}$$

- hence, using $\exp[\frac{1}{2}x^2] = \int Dz e^{xz}$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \int d\mathbf{y} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{q}^{-1} \mathbf{y}} &= \log \int d\mathbf{y} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} y_{\alpha} [r + (R-r)\delta_{\alpha\beta}] y_{\beta}} \\ &= \log \int d\mathbf{y} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] e^{-\frac{1}{2} r [\sum_{\alpha\beta} y_{\alpha}]^2 - \frac{1}{2} (R-r) \sum_{\alpha} y_{\alpha}^2} \\ &= \log \int Dz \int d\mathbf{y} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \theta[y^{\alpha} - \kappa] e^{z\sqrt{-r} \sum_{\alpha\beta} y_{\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} (R-r) \sum_{\alpha} y_{\alpha}^2} \\ &= \log \int Dz \left[\int_{\kappa}^{\infty} dy e^{z\sqrt{-r}y - \frac{1}{2} (R-r)y^2} \right]^n\end{aligned}$$

put everything together ...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{n}\Psi(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}) &= \frac{1}{2}(1-\alpha)\log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2}K + \frac{1}{2}(n-1)qk - \frac{1}{2n}\log[(nk+K-k)(K-k)^{n-1}] \\
 &\quad - \frac{\alpha}{2n}\log[(nq+1-q)(1-q)^{n-1}] + \frac{\alpha}{n}\log\int\text{Dz}\left[\int_{\kappa}^{\infty}\text{d}y e^{z\sqrt{-r}y - \frac{1}{2}(R-r)y^2}\right]^n \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}(1-\alpha)\log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2}(K-qk) - \frac{1}{2n}\log\left(1 + \frac{nk}{K-k}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\log(K-k) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\alpha}{2n}\log\left(1 + \frac{nq}{1-q}\right) - \frac{\alpha}{2}\log(1-q) + \mathcal{O}(n) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\alpha}{n}\log\int\text{Dz}\left[1 + n\log\int_{\kappa}^{\infty}\text{d}y e^{zy\sqrt{q}/(1-q) - \frac{1}{2(1-q)}y^2} + \mathcal{O}(n^2)\right]
 \end{aligned}$$

take limit $n \rightarrow 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\bar{F} &= (1-\alpha)\log(2\pi) + \text{extr}_{K,k,q}\left\{K - qk - \frac{k}{K-k} - \log(K-k)\right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{\alpha q}{1-q} - \alpha\log(1-q) + 2\alpha\int\text{Dz}\log\int_{\kappa}^{\infty}\text{d}y e^{zy\sqrt{q}/(1-q) - \frac{1}{2(1-q)}y^2}\right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$2\bar{F} = (1-\alpha) \log(2\pi) + \text{extr}_{K,k,q} \left\{ K - qk - \frac{k}{K-k} - \log(K-k) - \frac{\alpha q}{1-q} - \alpha \log(1-q) + 2\alpha \int Dz \log \int_{\kappa}^{\infty} dy e^{zy\sqrt{q}/(1-q) - \frac{1}{2(1-q)}y^2} \right\}$$

● **extremise over K and k**

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial K} = 0: & 1 + \frac{k}{(K-k)^2} - \frac{1}{K-k} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial k} = 0: & -q - \frac{1}{K-k} - \frac{k}{(K-k)^2} + \frac{1}{K-k} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow K = \frac{1-2q}{(1-q)^2}, \quad k = -\frac{q}{(1-q)^2}$$

result:
$$2\bar{F} = (1-\alpha) \log(2\pi) + \text{extr}_q \left\{ \frac{1}{1-q} - \frac{\alpha q}{1-q} + (1-\alpha) \log(1-q) + 2\alpha \int Dz \log \int_{\kappa}^{\infty} dy e^{zy\sqrt{q}/(1-q) - \frac{1}{2(1-q)}y^2} \right\}$$

● write y -integral in terms of error function $\text{Erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x dt e^{-t^2}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\kappa}^{\infty} dy e^{zy\sqrt{q}/(1-q) - \frac{1}{2(1-q)}y^2} &= e^{\frac{qz^2}{2(1-q)}} \int_{\kappa}^{\infty} dy e^{-\frac{|y-z\sqrt{q}|^2}{2(1-q)}} \\ &= \sqrt{2(1-q)} e^{\frac{qz^2}{2(1-q)}} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \left\{ 1 - \text{Erf} \left[\frac{K - z\sqrt{q}}{\sqrt{2(1-q)}} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- insert previous integral:

$$2\bar{F} = \log \pi + (1-2\alpha) \log 2 + \text{extr}_q \left\{ \frac{1}{1-q} + \log(1-q) + 2\alpha \int Dz \log \left[1 - \text{Erf} \left(\frac{\kappa - z\sqrt{q}}{\sqrt{2(1-q)}} \right) \right] \right\}$$

- extremisation with respect to q

short-hand $u(z, q) = (\kappa - z\sqrt{q}) / \sqrt{2(1-q)}$,
 use $\text{Erf}'(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp[-x^2]$

$$\frac{d}{dq} = 0 : \quad \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} - \frac{1}{1-q} - 2\alpha \int Dz \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial q} \right) \frac{\text{Erf}' u(z, q)}{1 - \text{Erf} u(z, q)} = 0$$

$$\frac{q}{(1-q)^2} = \frac{4\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int Dz \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial q} \right) \frac{e^{-u^2(z, q)}}{1 - \text{Erf} u(z, q)}$$

work out:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \frac{\kappa - z\sqrt{q}}{(1-q)^{1/2}} = \dots = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{q} - z}{2\sqrt{2q}(1-q)^{3/2}}$$

insert into eqn for q :

$$q\sqrt{q} = \alpha \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sqrt{1-q} \int Dz \frac{e^{-u^2(z, q)} (\kappa\sqrt{q} - z)}{1 - \text{Erf} u(z, q)}$$

$$2\bar{F} = \log \pi + (1-2\alpha) \log 2 + \frac{1}{1-q} + \log(1-q) + 2\alpha \int \text{Dz} \log \left[1 - \text{Erf} u(z, q) \right]$$

$$q\sqrt{q} = \alpha \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sqrt{1-q} \int \text{Dz} \frac{e^{-u^2(z, q)} (\kappa \sqrt{q} - z)}{1 - \text{Erf} u(z, q)}, \quad u(z, q) = \frac{\kappa - z\sqrt{q}}{\sqrt{2(1-q)}}$$

remember:

\bar{F} = finite: random data linearly separable with margin κ

$\bar{F} = -\infty$: random data not linearly separable with margin κ

- $\alpha = 0$ (so $1 \ll N \ll p$):

$$q = 0, \quad 2\bar{F} = \log \pi + \log 2 + 1 \quad \textit{random data linearly separable (overfitting)}$$

- $\alpha > 0$ (so $1 \ll N \sim p$):

transition point: value of α where $q \rightarrow 1$

$$1 = \alpha_c(\kappa) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int \text{Dz} \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{1-q} \frac{e^{-\left[\frac{\kappa-z}{\sqrt{2(1-q)}}\right]^2} (\kappa - z)}{1 - \text{Erf} \left[\frac{\kappa - z}{\sqrt{2(1-q)}} \right]}$$

$$\alpha_c(\kappa) = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int \text{Dz} (\kappa + z) \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\gamma^2(\kappa+z)^2}}{1 - \text{Erf}[\gamma(\kappa+z)]} \right]^{-1}$$

- remaining limit:

$$\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\gamma^2 Q^2}}{1 - \text{Erf}[\gamma Q]} = Q\sqrt{\pi} \theta(Q)$$

proof:

$$Q < 0 : \quad \text{Erf}[\gamma Q] \rightarrow -1 \quad \text{so} \quad \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\gamma^2 Q^2}}{1 - \text{Erf}[\gamma Q]} = 0$$

$$Q > 0 : \quad \text{Erf}[\gamma Q] = 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma Q \sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\gamma^2 Q^2} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2 Q^2}\right) \right)$$

$$\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\gamma^2 Q^2}}{1 - \text{Erf}[\gamma Q]} = \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\gamma^2 Q^2}}{\frac{1}{\gamma Q \sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\gamma^2 Q^2} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2 Q^2}\right) \right)} = Q\sqrt{\pi}$$

final result

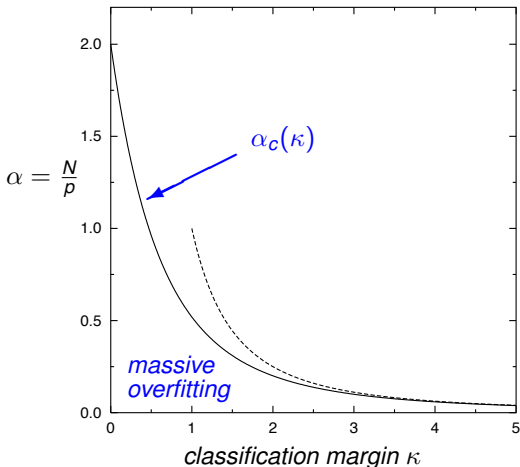
$$\alpha_c(\kappa) = \left[\int_{-\kappa}^{\infty} \mathcal{D}z (\kappa+z)^2 \right]^{-1}$$

$$\alpha_c(0) = \left[\int_0^{\infty} \mathcal{D}z z^2 \right]^{-1} = \left[\frac{1}{2} \right]^{-1} = 2$$

p covariates,
 N patients,
binary outcomes,
 p and N large

random data
(i.e. pure binary noise)
is *perfectly* separable if
 $N/p < \alpha_c(\kappa)$

algorithms (SVM etc)
will find pars $\theta_1 \dots \theta_p$
such that $t_i = \text{sgn}[\sum_{\mu=1}^p \theta_{\mu} x_{\mu}^i]$
for all $i = 1 \dots N$



1 Mathematical preliminaries

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- Gaussian integrals
- Steepest descent integration

2 The replica method

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3 Application: information storage in neural networks

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- The replica calculation
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- Replica symmetric solution

4 Application: overfitting transition in linear separators

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