

Normal approximation for stabilizing functionals

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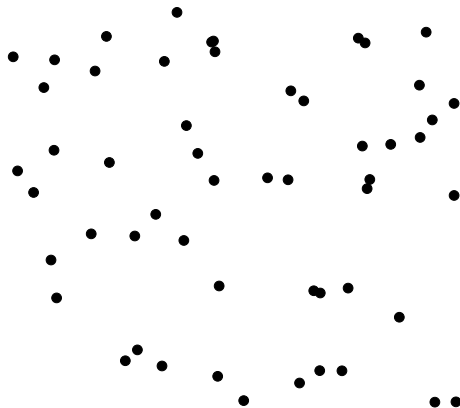
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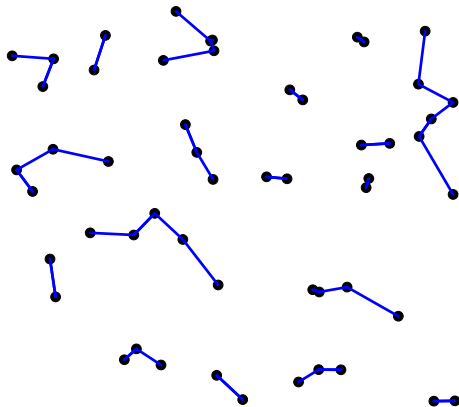
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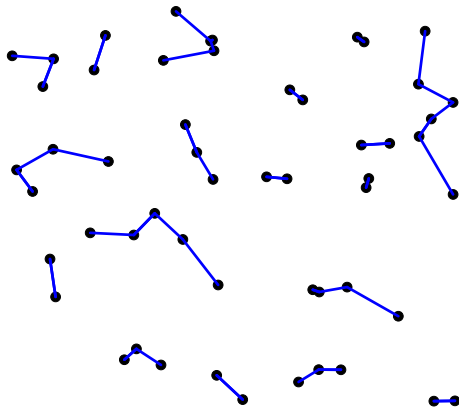
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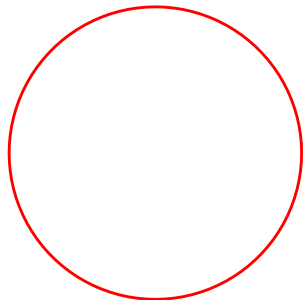


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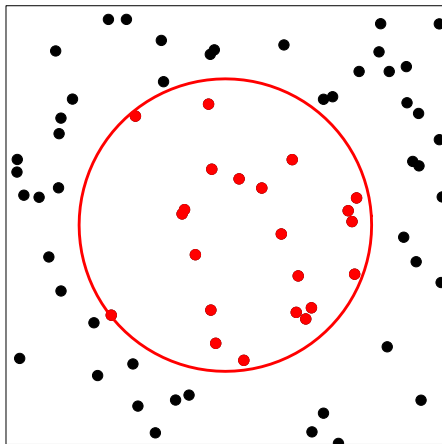


$$L(\mathcal{X}) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \xi(x, \mathcal{X}), \quad \xi(x, \mathcal{X}) = \begin{cases} \|x - x_{NN}\|/2, & x = (x_{NN})_{NN} \\ \|x - x_{NN}\|, & x \neq (x_{NN})_{NN} \end{cases}$$

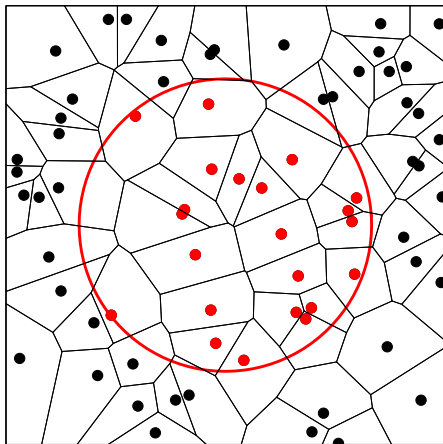
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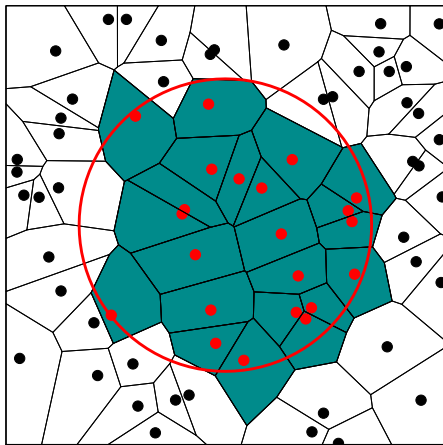
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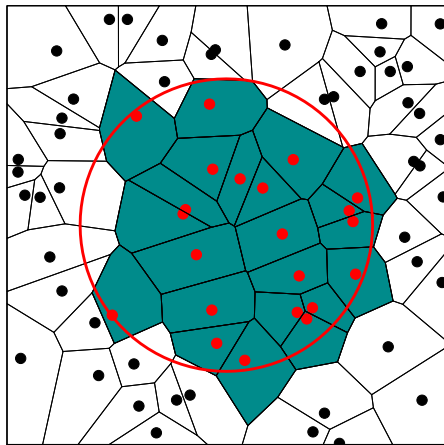
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$$A_W(\mathcal{X}) - V_d(W) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \xi(x, \mathcal{X}), \quad \xi(x, \mathcal{X}) = \begin{cases} V_d(C_x(\mathcal{X}) \cap W^c), & x \in W \\ -V_d(C_x(\mathcal{X}) \cap W), & x \in W^c \end{cases}$$

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- Apply these recent finding to general stabilizing functionals

- $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{F})$ measurable space generated by a semi-metric d and equipped with a σ -finite non-atomic measure \mathbb{Q}
- Assume that there are constants $\gamma, \kappa > 0$ such that

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Examples:

- $\mathbb{X} = W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, d Euclidean norm, \mathbb{Q} restriction of the Lebesgue measure to W
- \mathbb{X} m -dimensional manifold in \mathbb{R}^d (with some additional assumptions), d geodesic distance and \mathbb{Q} Hausdorff measure, for example the sphere

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- We call $R_s : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a radius of stabilization if

$$\xi_s(x, \mathcal{M} \cup \{x\} \cup \mathcal{A}) = \xi_s(x, (\mathcal{M} \cup \{x\} \cup \mathcal{A}) \cap B(x, R_s(x, \mathcal{M} \cup \{x\})))$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{X}$, $\mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{N}$ and $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{X}$ with $|\mathcal{A}| \leq 7$.

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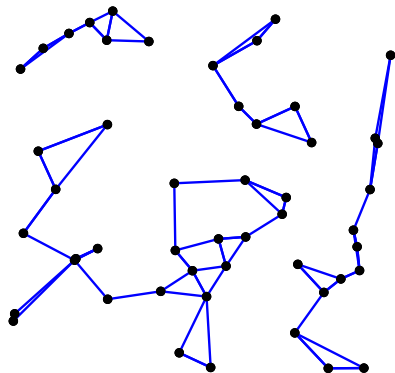
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k-nearest neighbour graph



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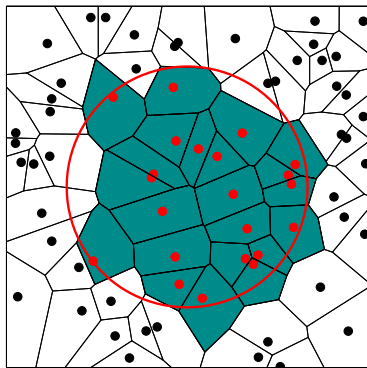
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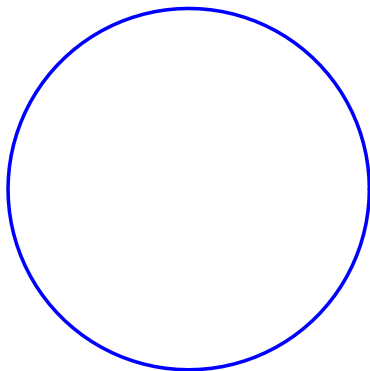
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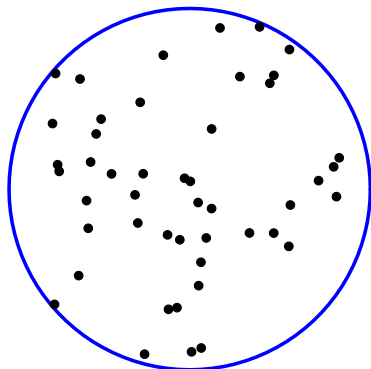
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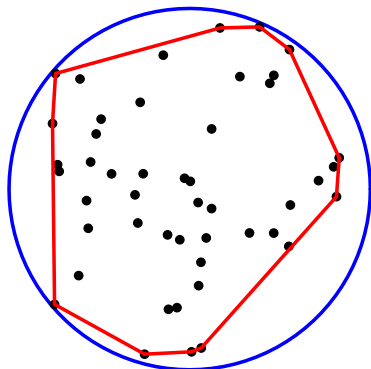
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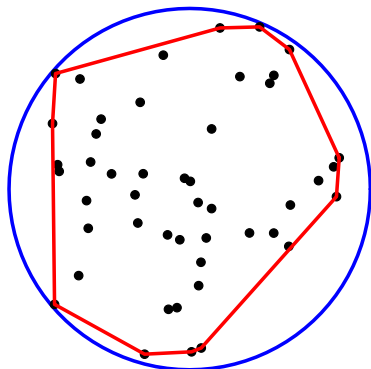
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- $V_i(\text{Conv}(\mathcal{M}))$ i -th intrinsic volume of $\text{Conv}(\mathcal{M})$

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$$\mathbb{E}|D_x f(\mathcal{P}_s \cup \mathcal{A})|^{4+p} \leq c, \quad \mathbb{Q}\text{-a.e. } x \in \mathbb{X}, \mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{X}, |\mathcal{A}| \leq 1.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} d_K \left(\frac{f(\mathcal{P}_s) - \mathbb{E}f(\mathcal{P}_s)}{\sigma}, N \right) &\leq \frac{C}{\sigma^2} \left(\Gamma_s^{1/2} + \frac{2\Gamma_s}{\sigma} + \frac{\Gamma_s^{5/4} + 2\Gamma_s^{3/2}}{\sigma^2} \right. \\ &+ \left[s^3 \int_{\mathbb{X}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}} \mathbb{P}(D_{x,y}^2 f(\mathcal{P}_s) \neq 0)^{p/(16+4p)} \mathbb{Q}(dy) \right)^2 \mathbb{Q}(dx) \right]^{1/2} \\ &+ \left. \left[s^2 \int_{\mathbb{X}^2} \mathbb{P}(D_{x,y}^2 f(\mathcal{P}_s) \neq 0)^{p/(8+2p)} \mathbb{Q}^2(d(x,y)) \right]^{1/2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

with
$$\Gamma_s := s \int_{\mathbb{X}} \mathbb{P}(D_x f(\mathcal{P}_s) \neq 0)^{p/(8+2p)} \mathbb{Q}(dx).$$

Malliavin-Stein bounds

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$$\mathbb{E}|D_x f(\mathcal{X}_{n-1-|\mathcal{A}} \cup \mathcal{A})|^{4+p} \leq c, \quad \mathbb{Q}\text{-a.e. } x \in \mathbb{X}, \mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{X}, |\mathcal{A}| \leq 2.$$

Define

$$\Gamma_n = n \int_{\mathbb{X}} \mathbb{P}(D_x f(\mathcal{X}_{n-1}) \neq 0)^{\frac{p}{8+2p}} \mathbb{Q}(dx),$$

$$\psi_n(x, y) = \sup_{\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{X}: |\mathcal{A}| \leq 1} \mathbb{P}(D_{x,y}^2 f(\mathcal{X}_{n-2-|\mathcal{A}} \cup \mathcal{A}) \neq 0)^{p/(8+2p)}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{X}.$$

Then there is a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$d_K \left(\frac{f(\mathcal{X}_n) - \mathbb{E}f(\mathcal{X}_n)}{\sigma}, N \right) \leq \frac{C}{\sigma^2} \left[\frac{\Gamma_n}{\sigma} + \frac{\sqrt{\Gamma_n^3} + \Gamma_n}{\sigma^2} + \sqrt{\Gamma_n} \right. \\ \left. + n \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{X}^2} \psi_n(x, y) \mathbb{Q}^2(d(x, y))} + n^{3/2} \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{X}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}} \psi_n(x, y) \mathbb{Q}(dy) \right)^2 \mathbb{Q}(dx)} \right].$$

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