

Fix a set of arms/vectors  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  (e.g.  $\mathcal{X} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ ,  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ )

We assume  $\exists \theta_* \in \mathbb{R}^d$  s.t. pulling arm  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  results

in observation  $y = \langle x, \theta_* \rangle + z$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[z] = 0$   
 $\mathbb{E}[\exp(\lambda z)] \leq \exp(\lambda^2/2)$

for  $t=1, 2, \dots, T$

Player chooses  $x_t \in \mathcal{X}$

Nature reveals  $y_t = \langle x_t, \theta_* \rangle + z_t$

Player aims to minimize regret  $\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{t=1}^T \langle x - x_t, \theta_* \rangle$

Suppose you choose  $x_1, \dots, x_T \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and then observe  $y_t = \langle x_t, \theta_* \rangle + z_t \quad \forall t$ .

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{t=1}^T (\langle x_t, \theta \rangle - y_t)^2$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -x_T^T \end{pmatrix} \quad z \sum_t x_t (x_t^T \theta - y_t) = 0$$

$$\left( \sum_t x_t x_t^T \right) \theta = \sum_t x_t y_t$$

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_T \end{pmatrix} = X \theta_* + z$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \left( \sum_t x_t x_t^T \right)^{-1} \sum_t x_t y_t$$

$$z = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_T \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

$$= \theta_* + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T z$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{\theta}] &= \theta_* + E[\underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T z}] = \theta_* \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^T (X^T X)^{-1} x_t z_t \end{aligned}$$

$$E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*)(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*)^T] = E[(X^T X)^{-1} X^T z z^T X (X^T X)^{-1}]$$

$$A < B \quad B - A > 0 \quad = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T E[zz^T] X (X^T X)^{-1}$$

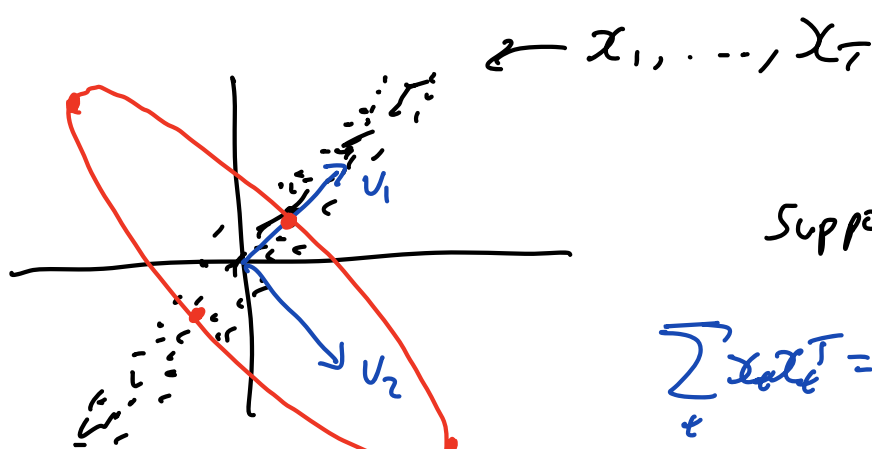
$$\begin{aligned} (zz^T)_{ij} &= z_i z_j &< (X^T X)^{-1} X^T X (X^T X)^{-1} \\ (zz^T)_{i,i} &= z_i^2 &= (X^T X)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

For any  $z$ , what is  $z^T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*)$

$$E[z^T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*)] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[(z^T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*))^2] &= E[z^T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*)(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*)^T z] \\ &= z^T (X^T X)^{-1} z \end{aligned}$$

$z^T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*)$  is approx  $\mathcal{N}(0, z^T (X^T X)^{-1} z)$



Suppose  $z$

$$\sum_t x_t x_t^T = \sum_{i=1}^2 v_i v_i^T \sigma_i$$

$\{u: u^T (x^T x)^{-1} u = 1\}$  where  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\sigma_1 \gg \sigma_2$$

$$z^T (x^T x)^{-1} z$$

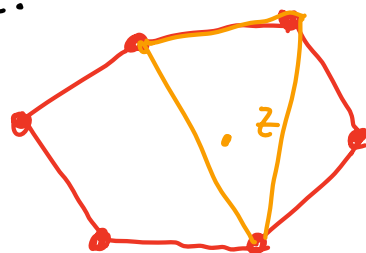
$$z^T (v_1 v_1^T \sigma_1 + v_2 v_2^T \sigma_2)^{-1} z$$

$$= z^T (v_1 v_1^T \sigma_1^{-1} + v_2 v_2^T \sigma_2^{-1}) z$$

$$= (z^T v_1)^2 \sigma_1^{-1} + (z^T v_2)^2 \sigma_2^{-1}$$

For any  $x_1, \dots, x_T \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\exists \lambda \in \Delta_{\mathcal{X}}$  s.t.

$$\sum_{t=1}^T x_t x_t^T = T \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \lambda_x x x^T}_{=: A(\lambda)}$$



"Design matrix"

Carathéodory: Fix  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ . For any  $z$ :  $z = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p_x x$

$$\exists \lambda \in \Delta_{\mathcal{X}} \text{ s.t. } z = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \lambda_x x \text{ w/ } \|\lambda\|_0 \leq d+1,$$

Claim For any matrix  $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T x_t x_t^T \quad \exists \lambda \in \Delta_X$

s.t.  $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T x_t x_t^T = A(\lambda) \quad \text{and} \quad \|\lambda\|_0 \leq \frac{d(d+1)}{2}$

Goal: Want to choose  $x_1, \dots, x_T$  s.t.

when we construct  $\hat{\theta}$  we have

$$\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x^T (\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Let  $\bar{x} \stackrel{\text{symmax}}{=} \arg \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x^T A(\lambda)^{-1} x$   
 $[\nabla x^T A(\lambda)^{-1} x]_z = -x^T A(\lambda)^{-1} z z^T A(\lambda)^{-1} x$

Let  $\hat{\lambda} = \arg \min_{\lambda \in \Delta_X} \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x^T A(\lambda)^{-1} x$

and let  $\|\hat{\lambda}\|_0 \leq \frac{d(d+1)}{2}$ . For  $S \in \mathbb{N}$

measure  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  exactly  $\lceil \lambda_x S \rceil$  times.

$\Rightarrow$  Total #meas  $\leq S + \frac{d(d+1)}{2}$

$$(X^T X)^{-1} \prec (T \cdot A(\lambda))^{-1} = \frac{1}{T} A(\lambda)^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow \forall x \in \mathcal{X} \quad x^T (\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \leq \|x\|_{A(\lambda)^{-1}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2 \log(|\mathcal{X}|/S)}{T}}$

$$\mathbb{E}[\exp(\lambda z^T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) )] = \mathbb{E}[\exp(\lambda \underbrace{z^T(X^T X)^{-1} X^T z}_{=: w^T})]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\exp(\lambda \sum_{t=1}^T \omega_t z_t)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\prod_{t=1}^T \exp(\lambda \omega_t z_t)]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\exp(s z_t)]$$

$$\leq \exp(s^2/2)$$

$$= \prod_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}[\exp(\lambda \omega_t z_t)]$$

$$\|x\|_2^2 = x^T x$$

$$\leq \prod_{t=1}^T \exp(\lambda^2 \omega_t^2 / 2)$$

$$= \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T \omega_t^2\right)$$

$$= \exp(\lambda^2 \omega^T \omega / 2)$$

$$= \exp(\lambda^2 z^T (X^T X)^{-1} z / 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow z^T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \text{ is } z^T (X^T X)^{-1} z \text{ sub-Gaussian.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(z^T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) > \varepsilon) \leq \exp(-\varepsilon^2 z^T (X^T X)^{-1} z / 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{w.p.} \geq 1-\delta \quad z^T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \leq \sqrt{2 \|z\|_{(X^T X)^{-1}}^2 \log(1/\delta)}$$

where  $\|z\|_A^2 := z^T A z$

**Lemma 11** (Kiefer-Wolfowitz (1960)). For any  $\mathcal{X}$  with  $d = \dim(\text{span}(\mathcal{X}))$ , there exists a  $\lambda^* \in \Delta_{\mathcal{X}}$  that

- $\max_{\lambda} g_D(\lambda) = g_D(\lambda^*)$

- $\min_{\lambda} f_G(\lambda) = f_G(\lambda^*)$

- $f_G(\lambda^*) = d$

- $|\text{support}(\lambda^*)| = (d+1)d/2$

$$g_0(\lambda) = \log |A(\lambda)|$$

$$f_0(\lambda) = \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \|x\|_{A(\lambda)}^2$$

$$[\nabla g(\lambda)]_x = \|x\|_{A(\lambda)}^2$$

**Proposition 2.** If  $\lambda^*$  is the  $G$ -optimal design for  $\mathcal{X}$  then if we pull arm  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  exactly  $\lceil \tau \lambda_x^* \rceil$  times for some  $\tau > 0$  and compute the least squares estimator  $\hat{\theta}$ . Then for each  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  we have with probability at least  $1 - \delta$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, \hat{\theta} - \theta^* \rangle &\leq \|x\|_{(\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \lceil \tau \lambda_x^* \rceil x x^T)^{-1}} \sqrt{2 \log(1/\delta)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau}} \|x\|_{(\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \lambda_x^* x x^T)^{-1}} \sqrt{2 \log(1/\delta)} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\frac{2d \log(1/\delta)}{\tau}} \end{aligned}$$

and we have taken at most  $\tau + \frac{d(d+1)}{2}$  pulls. Thus, for any  $\delta' \in (0, 1)$  we have  $\mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \{|\langle x, \hat{\theta} - \theta^* \rangle| > \sqrt{\frac{2d \log(2|\mathcal{X}|/\delta')}{\tau}}\}) \leq \delta'$ .

Frank-Wolfe

Input  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , function  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 Init  $x_0 \in K$   
 for  $t=1, 2, \dots$

$$z_t = \argmin_{z \in K} \langle z, \nabla f(x_t) \rangle$$

$$x_{t+1} = (1 - \beta_t) x_t + \beta_t z_t$$

convex

For D-optimal design

Init  $\lambda_0$  sparsely.

$$x_t = \argmax_{x \in \mathcal{X}} [\nabla g(\lambda)]_x = \argmax_x \|x\|_{A(\lambda)}^2$$

$$\lambda_{t+1} = (1 - \beta_t) \lambda_t + \beta_t x_t$$

- **A-optimality:** minimize  $f_A(\lambda) = \text{Tr}(A_\lambda^{-1})$  minimizes  $\mathbb{E}[\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta\|_2^2]$
- **E-optimality:** minimize  $f_E(\lambda) = \max_{u: \|u\| \leq 1} u^\top A_\lambda^{-1} u$  minimizes  $\max_{u: \|u\| \leq 1} \mathbb{E}[(\langle u, \widehat{\theta} - \theta \rangle)^2]$
- **D-optimality:** maximize  $g_D(\lambda) = \log(|A_\lambda|)$  maximizes the entropy of distribution. Also, if  $\mathcal{E}_\lambda = \{x : x^\top A_\lambda^{-1} x \leq d\}$  then  $D$ -optimality is the minimum volume ellipsoid that contains  $\mathcal{X}$ .
- **G-optimality:** minimize  $f_G(\lambda) = \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x^\top A_\lambda^{-1} x$  minimizes  $\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}[(\langle x, \widehat{\theta} - \theta^* \rangle)^2]$

**Input:** Finite set  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , confidence level  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{X}_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{X}, \ell \leftarrow 1$

**while**  $|\mathcal{X}_\ell| > 1$  **do**

Let  $\hat{\lambda}_\ell \in \Delta_{\mathcal{X}_\ell}$  be a  $\frac{d(d+1)}{2}$ -sparse minimizer of  $f(\lambda) = \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}_\ell} \|x\|^2_{(\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_\ell} \lambda_x x x^\top)^{-1}}$

$\epsilon_\ell = 2^{-\ell}, \tau_\ell = 2d\epsilon_\ell^{-2} \log(4\ell^2 |\mathcal{X}| / \delta)$

Pull arm  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  exactly  $\lceil \hat{\lambda}_{\ell, x} \tau_\ell \rceil$  times and construct the least squares estimator  $\hat{\theta}_\ell$  using only the observations of this round

$\mathcal{X}_{\ell+1} \leftarrow \mathcal{X}_\ell \setminus \{x \in \mathcal{X}_\ell : \max_{x' \in \mathcal{X}_\ell} \langle x' - x, \hat{\theta}_\ell \rangle > 2\epsilon_\ell\}$

$\ell \leftarrow \ell + 1$

**Output:**  $\mathcal{X}_\ell$

**Lemma 12.** Assume that  $\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \langle x^* - x, \theta^* \rangle \leq 4$ . With probability at least  $1 - \delta$ , we have  $x^* \in \mathcal{X}_\ell$  and  $\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}_\ell} \langle x^* - x, \theta^* \rangle \leq 8\epsilon_\ell$  for all  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For any  $V \subset \mathcal{X}$  let  $\hat{\theta}_\ell(V)$  be the least squares solution at stage  $\ell$  if  $\mathcal{X}_\ell = V$ .

$$\mathcal{E}_{x, \ell}^I(V) = \{ |\langle \hat{\theta}_\ell(V) - \theta^*, x \rangle| \leq \epsilon_\ell \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{X}_\ell} \mathcal{E}_{x, \ell}^c(\mathcal{X}_\ell)\right) &\leq \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} P\left(\bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{X}_\ell} \mathcal{E}_{x, \ell}^c(\mathcal{X}_\ell)\right) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sum_{V \subset \mathcal{X}} P\left(\bigcup_{x \in V} \mathcal{E}_{x, \ell}^c(V), \mathcal{X}_\ell = V\right) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sum_{V \subset \mathcal{X}} \underbrace{P\left(\bigcup_{x \in V} \mathcal{E}_{x, \ell}^c(V)\right)}_{\leq \frac{\delta}{2\ell^2}} P(\mathcal{X}_\ell = V) \\ &\leq \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta}{2\ell^2} \sum_{V \subset \mathcal{X}} P(\mathcal{X}_\ell = V) \leq \delta \end{aligned}$$

$$Regret = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \Delta_x T_x$$

$$\Delta_x = \langle \theta_*, x_* - x \rangle$$

$$x_* = \operatorname{argmax}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \langle x, \theta_* \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{x: \Delta_x \leq \nu} \Delta_x T_x + \sum_{x: \Delta_x > \nu} \Delta_x T_x$$

$$\leq \nu T + \sum_{x: \Delta_x > \nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \stackrel{\leq 8 \varepsilon_\ell}{\Delta_x} \mathbb{1}_{\{x \in \mathcal{X}_\ell\}}$$

$$\leq \nu T + \sum_{x: \Delta_x > \nu} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\log_2 \lceil 8(d\nu\nu)^{-1} \rceil} 8 \varepsilon_\ell (\lambda_x \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{X}_\ell} + \mathbb{1}_{\{x \in \operatorname{supp}(\lambda_\ell)\}})$$

$$\Delta = \min_{x \neq x_*} \Delta_x$$

$$\searrow = 2d \varepsilon_\ell^{-2} \log(4d^2 |\mathcal{X}| / \delta)$$

$$\leq \nu T + 8 \cdot \frac{d(d+1)}{2} + 16d \log(4 \log_2 \lceil 8(d\nu\nu)^{-1} \rceil^2 |\mathcal{X}| / \delta) \sum_{\ell=1}^{\log_2 \lceil 8(d\nu\nu)^{-1} \rceil} \varepsilon_\ell^{-1}$$

$$\ell \leq \log_2 \lceil 8(d\nu\nu)^{-1} \rceil$$

$$\leq \nu T + 4d(d+1) + 128d \log(4 \log_2 \lceil 8(d\nu\nu)^{-1} \rceil^2 |\mathcal{X}| / \delta) \cdot (d\nu\nu)^{-1}$$

If  $\nu = 0$   $Regret \leq O(d^2 + \frac{d}{\Delta} \log(\frac{|\mathcal{X}|}{\delta} \log d^{-1}))$

If  $\nu > 0$   $Regret \leq O\left(\sqrt{dT \log(\log(T/d) |\mathcal{X}| / \delta)}\right)$

What if  $|\mathcal{X}| = \infty$

$$A = X^T X \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -x_T^T \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{If} \\ \swarrow \\ \text{chosen to be} \\ G\text{-optimal} \end{matrix}$$

$$\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |\langle \hat{\theta} - \theta_*, x \rangle| = \max_x |\langle A^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*), \tilde{A}^{-1/2} x \rangle|$$

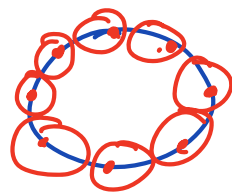
$$\leq \max_x \|A^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*)\|_2 \cdot \|\tilde{A}^{-1/2} x\|_2$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_*\|_A}_{\leq \sqrt{d \log(1/\delta)}} \cdot \underbrace{\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \|x\|_{A^{-1}}}_{\leq \sqrt{dT}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{d^2 \log(1/\delta)}{T}}$$

Cauchy-Schwarz  
 $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\langle x, y \rangle \leq \|x\|_2 \cdot \|y\|_2$$

$$\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_*\|_A = \|A'^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*)\|_2 = \sup_{u: \|u\|_2=1} \langle u, A'^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \rangle$$



Lemma  $\exists$  cover  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^d : |C| \leq (3/\varepsilon)^d$  such that

for all  $x$  w/  $\|x\|_2=1$   $\exists y \in C$  s.t.  $\|x-y\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\theta} - \theta_*\|_A &= \sup_u \langle u, A'^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \rangle \\ &= \sup_u \min_{y \in C} \langle u-y, A'^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \rangle + \langle y, A'^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \rangle \\ &\leq \sup_u \underbrace{\min_{y \in C} \|u-y\|_2}_{\leq \varepsilon} \cdot \underbrace{\|A'^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*)\|_2}_{\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_*\|_A} + \underbrace{\langle y, A'^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \rangle}_{\leq \sqrt{2d \log(3/\varepsilon\delta)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \varepsilon \|\hat{\theta} - \theta_*\|_A + \sqrt{2d \log(3/\varepsilon\delta)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\hat{\theta} - \theta_*\|_A \leq \frac{1}{1-\varepsilon} \cdot \sqrt{2d \log(3/\varepsilon\delta)}. \quad \mathcal{C} = \{\theta : \|\hat{\theta} - \theta\|_A \leq \beta\}$$

For a fixed vector  $z = A'^{1/2}y$  we have

$$\langle z, \hat{\theta} - \theta_* \rangle \leq \|z\|_{A^{-1}} \cdot \sqrt{2d \log(1/\delta)} \quad \text{w.p. } \geq 1-\delta.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \langle y, A'^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \rangle &= \langle A'^{1/2}y, \hat{\theta} - \theta_* \rangle \\ &\leq \|A'^{1/2}y\|_{A^{-1}} \cdot \sqrt{2 \log(1/\delta)} \\ &= \|y\|_2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \log(1/\delta)} \\ &= \sqrt{2 \log(1/\delta)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{w.p. } 1-\delta \quad \max_{y \in C} \langle y, A'^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_*) \rangle \leq \sqrt{2 \log(|C|/\delta)}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{2d \log(3/\epsilon\delta)}$$

UCB for linear bandits - "LinUCB"

Let  $\mathcal{E}_t \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  :  $\theta_a \in \mathcal{E}_t \quad \forall t$  w.p.  $\geq 1-\delta$

and define  $UCB_t(x) = \arg\max_{\theta \in \mathcal{E}_t} \langle x, \theta \rangle$

$$x_t = \arg\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} UCB_t(x)$$

$$\hat{\theta}_t = \arg\min_{\theta} \sum_{s=1}^t (y_s - \langle \theta, x_s \rangle)^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2$$

$$= (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T y$$

$$= V_t^{-1} S_t$$

$$V_0 = \lambda I$$

$$V_t = \sum_{s=1}^t x_s x_s^T + V_0$$

$$S_t = \sum_{s=1}^t x_s y_s$$

$$\mathcal{E}_t = \{ \theta : \|\theta - \hat{\theta}_{t-1}\|_{V_t}^2 \leq \beta_t \}$$

for some increasing seq  $\beta_t$ .

Thm) If  $\theta_a \in \mathcal{E}_t \quad \forall t$  w.p.  $\geq 1-\delta$ , then w.p.  $\geq 1-\delta$

$$R_T = \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_a, x_t - x_t \rangle \leq \sqrt{8T \beta_T \log\left(\frac{|V_T|}{|V_0|}\right)}.$$

$$\langle \theta_*, x_* \rangle \leq \text{UCB}_t(x_*) \leq \text{UCB}_t(x_t) =: \langle \tilde{\theta}_t, x_t \rangle$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\theta}_t = \arg\max_{\theta \in \mathcal{E}_t} \langle \theta, x_t \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \theta_*, x_* - x_t \rangle &\leq \langle \theta_*, x_* \rangle - \langle \theta_*, x_t \rangle \\ &\leq \langle \tilde{\theta}_t, x_t \rangle - \langle \theta_*, x_t \rangle \\ &= \langle \tilde{\theta}_t - \theta_*, x_t \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$= \langle V_t^{-1/2}(\tilde{\theta} - \theta_*), V_t^{-1/2} x_t \rangle$$

$$\leq \|\tilde{\theta}_t - \theta_*\|_{V_t} \cdot \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}$$

$$\leq (\|\tilde{\theta}_t - \hat{\theta}_{t-1}\|_{V_t} + \|\hat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta_*\|_{V_t}) \cdot \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}$$

$$\leq 2\sqrt{\beta_t} \cdot \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}$$

$$\text{Assume } |\langle \theta_*, x_* - x_t \rangle| \leq 2, \quad \beta_t \geq 1$$

$$\langle \theta_*, x_* - x_t \rangle \leq 2 \wedge 2\sqrt{\beta_t} \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}} \leq 2\sqrt{\beta_t} (1 \wedge \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}})$$

$$R_T = \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_*, x_* - x_t \rangle \leq \sqrt{T \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_*, x_* - x_t \rangle^2}$$

$$\leq 2\sqrt{T \cdot \beta_T \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T (1 \wedge \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}^2)}$$

## Elliptic Potential Lemma

Fix  $V_0$  and let  $x_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be an arbitrary sequence.

and set  $V_t = V_0 + \sum_{s=1}^t x_s x_s^T$  then for any  $V_0 \succ 0$

$$\sum_{t=1}^T (1 \wedge \|x_t\|_{V_t^{-1}}^2) \leq 2 \log \left( \frac{|V_T|}{|V_0|} \right).$$

Moreover, if  $\|x_t\|_2 \leq L \quad \forall t$ ,

$$\leq 2d \log \left( \frac{\text{Tr}(V_0) + TL^2}{d|V_0|^{1/d}} \right)$$

Proof  $V_t = V_{t-1} + x_t x_t^T$

$$= V_{t-1}^{1/2} (I + V_{t-1}^{-1/2} x_t x_t^T V_{t-1}^{-1/2}) V_{t-1}^{1/2}$$

$$|ABC| = |A| |B| |C|$$

$$|AB| = |A| \cdot |B|$$

$$|V_t| = |V_{t-1}| \cdot |I + V_{t-1}^{-1/2} x_t x_t^T V_{t-1}^{-1/2}|$$

$$= |V_{t-1}| \cdot (1 + \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2)$$

$$= |V_0| \cdot \prod_{s=1}^t (1 + \|x_s\|_{V_{s-1}^{-1}}^2) \Rightarrow \log \frac{|V_T|}{|V_0|} = \sum_{t=1}^T \log (1 + \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2)$$

$$|I + \alpha e_i e_i^T| = 1^{d-1} \cdot (1 + \alpha) = 1 + \alpha$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^T (1 \wedge \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2) \leq \sum_{t=1}^T 2 \wedge (1 + \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2) \leq 2 \log \frac{|V_T|}{|V_0|}$$

$$|V_T| = \prod_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \leq \left( \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \right)^d = \left( \frac{1}{d} \text{Tr}(V_T) \right)^d$$

↖ AMGM.