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•  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  response •  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  co-variables

Linear model:

$$Y = X\beta^0 + \epsilon, \ \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}_n(0, I)$$

Lasso

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \left\{ \|Y - X\beta\|_2^2 / n + 2\lambda \|\beta\|_1 \right\}$$

## Notation

Active set:  $S_0 := \{j : \beta_j^0 \neq 0\}$ Sparsity:  $s_0 := |S_0|$ 



Coefficients of a vector  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$  on a set  $S \subset \{1, \dots, p\}$ :

$$\beta_{S} := \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{1} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \beta_{j+1} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \in S \\ \leftarrow \notin S \\ \leftarrow \in S \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \in S \\ \vdots \\ \leftarrow \notin S \\ \leftarrow \notin S \end{array}$$

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#### Note:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \{X\beta_{S}: \ \beta \in \mathbb{R}^{p}\} & \text{ is the linear space spanned by } \{X_{j}\}_{j \in S} \\ \{X\beta_{-S}: \ \beta \in \mathbb{R}^{p}\} & \text{ is the linear space spanned by } \{X_{j}\}_{j \notin S} \end{array}$ 

Definition compatibility constant:

$$\hat{\phi}^{2}(L,S) := \min\left\{ s \| X\beta_{S} - X\beta_{-S} \|_{2}^{2} / n : \underbrace{\| \beta_{S} \|_{1} = 1, \| \beta_{-S} \|_{1} \leq L}_{\text{"cone condition"}} \right\}$$

with  $\circ S \subset \{1, \dots, p\}, s := |S|$  $\circ L \ge 1 a$  "stretching factor"

#### Lemma

[vdG 2007, Bickel et al. 2009, Koltchinskii et al. 2011, ...] Let  $\lambda_0 := \sqrt{2 \log(2p/\alpha)}$  and  $\lambda > \lambda_0$ . Then with probability at least  $1 - \alpha$ 

$$\|X(\hat{\beta}-\beta^0)\|_2^2/n+\lambda_0\|\hat{\beta}-\beta^0\|_1/c\leq \frac{\lambda^2s_0}{\hat{\phi}^2(L,S_0)}.$$

where

$$L:=C \quad \frac{\lambda+\lambda_0}{\lambda-\lambda_0}.$$

We will now show that the compatibility constant is related to canonical correlation ...

... in the  $\ell_1$ -world



#### A note about distances and inner products

Let *a* and *b* be two vectors in 
$$\mathbb{R}^n$$
.  
Suppose  $||a||_2 = ||b||_2 = 1$ .  
Write  
 $\circ \rho := a^T b (= \cos(\theta))$   
 $\circ c := a - b$   
Then  $||c||_2^2 = ||a||_2^2 + ||b||_2^2 - 2a^T b = 2(1 - \rho) =: \phi^2$   
 $b = a - b$   
 $c = a - b$ 

## Canonical correlation in the $\ell_2$ -world



The canonical correlation between  $X_S$  and  $X_{-S}$  is

$$\hat{
ho}_{ ext{can}}(S) := \maxigg\{(Xeta_{-S})^{ au}(Xeta_{S}): \ \|Xeta_{S}\|_{2} = 1, \ \|Xeta_{-S}\|_{2} = 1igg\}.$$

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We let  $\hat{\phi}_{\mathrm{can}}^2(\mathcal{S}) = 2(1 - \hat{
ho}_{\mathrm{can}}(\mathcal{S})).$ 

Canonical correlation: (in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ )



 $\mathcal{Y} = \{ X\beta_{-S} : \beta \in \mathbb{R}^p \} \quad \mathcal{X} = \{ X\beta_S : \beta \in \mathbb{R}^p \}$ 

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#### Note:

Assume (WLG)  $X_S^T X_S = I$  and  $X_{-S}^T X_{-S} = I$ . Then

$$\hat{\rho}_{can}(S) = \max\left\{ (X\beta_{-S})^T (X\beta_S) : \|\beta_S\|_2 = 1, \|\beta_{-S}\|_2 = 1 \right\}.$$

#### Moreover then

$$\hat{\phi}_{can}^2(S) = 2(1 - \hat{\rho}_{can}(S))$$

$$= \min \left\{ \|X\beta_S - X\beta_{-S}\|_2^2 : \|\beta_S\|_2 = 1, \|\beta_{-S}\|_2 = 1 \right\}$$



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## Canonical correlation and exact recovery

X given  $n \times p$  matrix with  $p \leq n$ . Observed:  $f^0 := X\beta^0$ . Let

$$\beta^* := \min\{ \|\beta\|_2 : X\beta = f^0 \}.$$

Then

$$\hat{\phi}_{\mathrm{can}}(S_0) > 0 \; \Rightarrow \; eta^* = eta^0$$

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## Canonical correlation in the $\ell_1$ -world



#### Note:

$$\frac{\max\{\|\beta_{\mathcal{S}}\|_{1}^{2}: \|\beta_{\mathcal{S}}\|_{2}^{2}=1\}=\mathsf{s}}{\overset{\uparrow}{\underset{\ell_{1}}{\overset{\uparrow}{\underset{\ell_{2}}{\overset{\uparrow}{\underset{\ell_{2}}{\overset{\uparrow}{\underset{\ell_{2}}{\overset{\uparrow}{\underset{\ell_{2}}{\overset{\uparrow}{\underset{\ell_{2}}{\underset{\ell_{2}}{\overset{\uparrow}{\underset{\ell_{2}}{\atop_{2}}{\underset{\ell_{2}}{\atop_{2}}{\underset{\ell_{2}}{\atop_{2}}{\atop_{2}}{\atop_{2}}{\atop_{2}}{\underset{\ell_{2}}{\atop_{2$$

#### Notation

For a vector 
$$v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
:  $||v||_n^2 := v^T v/n$ 



## **Definition** The compatibility constant is $\hat{\phi}^2(S) := \min\left\{ s \| X\beta_S - X\beta_{-S} \|_n^2 : \underbrace{\| \beta_S \|_1 = 1, \| \beta_{-S} \|_1 \leq 1}_{\ell_{1::instead} \text{ of } \ell_2 \text{ (s. )}} \right\}.$

Compatibility constant: (in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

X<sub>2</sub>,..., X<sub>p</sub>  $\{1\})$ 

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$$\hat{\phi}({\mathcal S})=\hat{\phi}(1,{\mathcal S})$$
 for the case  ${\mathcal S}=\{1\}$ 

## **Basis Pursuit**

X given  $n \times p$  matrix with  $p \gg n$ .

Observed:  $f^0 := X\beta^0$ . Basis Pursuit [Chen, Donoho and Saunders (1998) ]:

$$\beta^* := \min\{\|\beta\|_1 : X\beta = f^0\}.$$

Exact recovery

$$\hat{\phi}(S_0) > 0 \Rightarrow \beta^* = \beta^0$$



## Effective sparsity Note:

$$\hat{\phi}^{2}(L,S) = \min\left\{s \|X\beta\|_{n}^{2}: \|\beta_{S}\|_{1} = 1, \|\beta_{-S}\|_{1} \le L\right\}$$
$$= \min\left\{s \frac{\|X\beta\|_{n}^{2}}{\|\beta_{S}\|_{1}^{2}}: \|\beta_{-S}\|_{1} \le L\|\beta_{S}\|_{1}\right\}$$

 $\frac{s}{\hat{\phi}^2(L,S)} = \max\left\{\frac{\|\beta_S\|_1^2}{\|X\beta\|_n^2} : \|\beta_{-S}\|_1 \le L\|\beta_S\|_1\right\}$  $:= \hat{\Gamma}^2(L,S) := \text{effective sparsity}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$ 

We call  $\hat{\Gamma}(L, S)$  an  $\ell_1 \setminus \| \cdot \|_n$ -comparison



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## General norms

Let  $\Omega$  be a norm on  $\mathbb{R}^p$ Examples:  $\ell_1$ -norm sorted  $\ell_1$ -norm variational norms nuclear norm



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**Definition** The triangle property holds at  $\beta^0$  if  $\exists$  semi-norms  $\Omega^+$  and  $\Omega^-$  such that  $\Omega(\beta^0) - \Omega(\beta) \le \Omega^+(\beta - \beta^0) - \Omega^-(\beta)$ 

Example:  $\ell_1$ -norm

$$\|\beta^{0}\|_{1} - \|\beta\|_{1} \le \|\beta_{\mathcal{S}_{0}} - \beta^{0}\|_{1} - \|\beta_{-\mathcal{S}_{0}}\|_{1}$$

**Definition** The  $\Omega$ -effective sparsity is

$$\widehat{\Gamma}^{2}(L,\beta^{0}) := \max\left\{\frac{(\Omega^{+}(\beta))^{2}}{\|X\beta\|_{n}^{2}} : \underbrace{\Omega^{-}(\beta) \leq L\Omega^{+}(\beta)}_{\text{"cone condition"}}\right\}.$$

We call  $\hat{\Gamma}(L, \beta^0)$  an  $\Omega \setminus \|\cdot\|_n$ -comparison

Example:  $\ell_1$ -norm

$$\hat{\Gamma}^2(L,\beta^0) = \frac{s_0}{\hat{\phi}^2(L,S_0)}$$

Notation For stretching factor L = 1:

$$\hat{\Gamma}(eta^{\mathsf{0}}) := \hat{\Gamma}(1,eta^{\mathsf{0}})$$

## Exact recovery using general norms

Let

$$\beta^* := \min \left\{ \Omega(\beta) : \ X\beta = f^0 \right\}.$$

Then

$$\boxed{\hat{\Gamma}(\beta^{0}) < \infty \ \Rightarrow \ \beta^{*} = \beta^{0}}$$

# $\Omega\text{-exact recovery results} and \\oracle results for Ω-penalized least squares} \\involve the effective sparsity$ $<math>\hat{\Gamma}^2(L, \beta^0)$

## Problem setting

Question

when is  $\hat{\Gamma}(L, \beta^0) < \infty$ ?

or

how large is it?

Notation

$$\underline{\Omega} := \Omega^+ + \Omega^-$$

Example:  $\ell_1$ -norm

$$\underline{\Omega} = \Omega = \| \cdot \|_1$$

 $\Omega^+/\ell_2$ -comparison

$$\gamma_0 := \max\left\{\frac{\Omega^+(\beta)}{\|\beta\|_2} : \beta \in \mathbb{R}^p\right\}$$

Example:  $\ell_1$ -norm

$$\gamma_0^2 = \frac{1}{s_0}$$

Note

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^{+}(\beta) &= 1 \\ \Omega^{-}(\beta) &\leq L \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \|\beta\|_{2} &\geq 1/\gamma_{0} \\ \underline{\Omega}(\beta) &\leq L + 1 \\ \text{cone condition} \end{aligned}$$

 $\rightsquigarrow$  study of restricted eigenvalue

$$\min\bigg\{\|X\beta\|_n^2: \|\beta\|_2 = 1, \ \underline{\Omega}(\beta) \le M\bigg\}^1$$

Notation  $\hat{\Sigma} := X^T X / n$  Gram matrix Note: As

$$\|X\beta\|_n^2 = \beta^T \hat{\Sigma}\beta$$

the minimal eigenvalue of  $\hat{\Sigma}$  is

$$\min\left\{\|X\beta\|_n^2: \|\beta\|_2 = 1\right\}$$

which is **Zero** when p > n.

<sup>1</sup>with  $M := L\gamma_0$ 



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## Random matrix

$$X:=egin{pmatrix} X_1\dots\ X_n\end{pmatrix}$$
  $n imes p$  data matrix

#### Model:

Rows  $X_i = (X_{i,1}, \ldots, X_{i,p})$  i.i.d. copies of a random vector  $X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

Empirical inner product matrix Theoretical inner product matrix

$$\hat{\Sigma} := X^T X / n. \Sigma_0 := \mathbb{E} \hat{\Sigma} = \mathbb{E} X_0^T X_0.$$

We will provide lower bounds for

$$\min\bigg\{\beta^{\mathsf{T}}\hat{\Sigma}\beta:\ \beta^{\mathsf{T}}\Sigma_{\mathsf{0}}\beta=1,\ \Omega(\beta)\leq M\bigg\}.$$

A simple bound for  $\ell_1$ -case

Let  $\Omega$  be the  $\ell_1\text{-norm.}$  We have

$$\max\left\{ \left| \beta^{T} (\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma_{0}) \beta \right| : \|\beta\|_{1} \leq M \right\} \leq M^{2} \|\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma_{0}\|_{\infty}.$$

Hence

$$\min\left\{\beta^{T}\hat{\Sigma}\beta: \|\beta\|_{1} \leq M, \ \beta^{T}\Sigma_{0}\beta = 1\right\} \geq 1 - M^{2}\|\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma_{0}\|_{\infty}.$$

Asymptotics

$$\|\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma_0\|_{\infty} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(\sqrt{\log p/n}) \rightsquigarrow \text{ requiring } M = o((n/\log p)^{\frac{1}{4}})$$
  
We will improve this to

$$M = o(\sqrt{n/\log p})$$

#### Definition

Let  $m \ge 2$ . The random vector  $X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  is *m*-th order isotropic with constant *C* if for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$  with  $\beta^T \Sigma_0 \beta = 1$  it holds that

## $\mathbb{P}(|X_0\beta| > t) \leq (C/t)^m \ \forall \ t > 0.$



#### Example Suppose $X_0 \sim \mathcal{N}_p(0, \Sigma_0)$ Then $\forall m$ $X_0$ is *m*-th order isotropic with universal constant *C*



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Let  $\epsilon_1, \ldots, \epsilon_n$  be a Rademacher sequence independent of X. Let  $\Omega_*$  be the dual norm of  $\Omega$ . Theorem 1 [vdG, 2016] Suppose that for some m > 2 the random vector  $X_0$  is weakly *m*-th order isotropic. Then  $i \Rightarrow ii$ :

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#### Relation with oracle inequalities

 $\mathsf{Consider}^2\ \Omega = \|\cdot\|_1$ 

Lemma [vdG 2007, Bickel et al. 2009, ...]

Let<sup>3</sup>  $\lambda_0 := \sqrt{2 \log(2p/\alpha)}$  and  $\lambda > \lambda_0$ . Then with probability at least  $1 - \alpha$ 

$$\|X(\hat{\beta}-\beta^0)\|_2^2/n+\underbrace{\lambda_0}_{\sim\Omega_*(X^{\tau}\epsilon)/n}\underbrace{\|\hat{\beta}-\beta^0\|_1/c}_{\sim\hat{M}}\leq \underbrace{\frac{\lambda^2s_0}{\phi^2(L,S_0)}}_{o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)}.$$

where

$$L := C \quad \frac{\lambda + \lambda_0}{\lambda - \lambda_0}$$

<sup>2</sup>Similar relations for general norms <sup>3</sup> $\mathbb{P}(||X^{T}\epsilon||_{\infty}/n \geq \lambda_{0}) \leq \alpha$ 

## Convergence of the compatibility constant

Theoretical compatibility constant:

$$\phi_0^2(L, S_0) := \min \bigg\{ s_0 \beta^T \Sigma_0 \beta : \|\beta_{S_0}\|_1 = 1, \|\beta_{-S_0}\|_1 \le L \bigg\}.$$

Empirical compatibility constant:

$$\hat{\phi}^2(L, S_0) := \min \left\{ s_0 \beta^T \hat{\Sigma} \beta : \|\beta_{S_0}\|_1 = 1, \|\beta_{-S_0}\|_1 \le L \right\}.$$

By the theorem, under isotropy and assuming  $\|X^{T}\epsilon\|_{\infty}/n = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(\sqrt{\log p/n})$ :

$$\frac{s_0}{\phi_0^2(L,S_0)} = o\left(\frac{n}{\log p}\right) \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}^2(L,S_0) = \phi_0^2(L,S_0)(1-o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)).$$

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Let  $\Lambda_{\min}(\Sigma_0)$  be the smallest eigenvalue of  $\Sigma_0$ . Corollary Since  $\phi^2(L, S_0) \ge \Lambda_{\min}(\Sigma_0)$  we have under the conditions of the previous

$$\Lambda_{\min}(\Sigma_0) \gg 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}^2(L, S_0) \gg 0$$
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Bounds for the compatibility constant using the transfer principle

Transfer principle (Oliveira[2013]) Let A be a symmetric  $p \times p$  matrix with  $A_{j,j} \ge 0$  for all  $j \in \{1, ..., p\}$ . Let  $s \in \{2, ..., p\}$  and suppose that for all  $S \subset \{1, ..., p\}$ with cardinality |S| = s one has

$$\beta_{S}^{T} A \beta_{S} \ge 0 \qquad \qquad \forall \ \beta \in \mathbb{R}^{p}.$$

Then

$$\beta^{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{A} \beta \geq - \max_{j} \mathsf{A}_{j,j} \|\beta\|_{1}^{2}/(s-1) \quad \forall \ \beta \in \mathbb{R}^{p}.$$

WLG: diag $(\Sigma_0) = I$ :

$$\Sigma_{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sigma_{1,2} & \cdots & \sigma_{1,p} \\ \sigma_{1,2} & 1 & \cdots & \sigma_{2,p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{1,p} & \sigma_{2,p} & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Normalized design

#### Define

$$\hat{R} := \tilde{X}^T \tilde{X}/n, \ \tilde{X}_j := X_j/\hat{\sigma}_j, \ j = 1, \dots, p.$$

Define the (empirical) compatibility constant for normalized design

$$\hat{\phi}^{2}(L, S_{0}) := \min \left\{ s_{0} \beta^{T} \hat{R} \beta : \|\beta_{S_{0}}\|_{1} = 1, \|\beta_{-S_{0}}\|_{1} \leq L \right\}.$$

The (theoretical) adaptive restricted eigenvalue is defined as

$$\kappa_0^2(L, S_0) := \min \left\{ \beta^T \Sigma_0 \beta : \|\beta_{S_0}\|_2 = 1, \|\beta_{-S_0}\|_1 \le L\sqrt{s_0} \right\}.$$

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#### Note

$$\phi^2(L,S_0)\geq\kappa_0^2(L,S_0)\geq \Lambda_{\min}(\Sigma_0)$$

**Theorem** [vdG and Muro, 2014] Suppose that for some m > 2 the random vector  $X_0$  is weakly *m*-th order isotropic. Then for some c > 1

$$\frac{s_0}{\kappa_0^2(cL,S_0)} = o\left(\frac{n}{\log p}\right) \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}^2(L,S_0) \ge \frac{\kappa_0^2(cL,S_0)(1-o_{\mathbb{P}}(1))}{c}$$

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With normalized design one can show that the compatibility constant  $\tilde{\phi}^2(L, S)$  stays away from zero assuming only higher order isotropy and no further (moment) conditions.

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#### Definition

The random vector  $X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  satisfies the small ball property with constants  $C_1 > 0$  and  $C_2 > 0$  if for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$  with  $\beta^T \Sigma_0 \beta = 1$  it holds that

$$\mathbb{P}(|X_0\beta| \ge 1/C_1) \ge 1/C_2.$$

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It can be shown that for appropriate constants one has (for m > 2)

 $X_0$  Gaussian  $\Rightarrow$  *m*-th order isotropy  $\Rightarrow$  small ball property.

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E.g. see [Mendelson & Koltchinskii (2013)].

## Bounds using the small ball property

**Theorem** [Lecué and Mendelson, 2015] Suppose • X<sub>0</sub> satisfies the small ball property

•  $\max_{j} \hat{\sigma}_{j} = 1 + \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(\sqrt{\log p/n}).$ Then for a constant c > 1  $i \Rightarrow ii$ :

$$i: M = o\left(\frac{n}{\log p}\right)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$ii: \min\left\{\beta^{T}\hat{\Sigma}\beta: \|\beta\|_{2} = 1, \|\beta\|_{1} \le M\right\} \ge \frac{1 - o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)}{c}$$



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## Conclusion

the compatibility constant stays away from zero when  $s_0 = o(\sqrt{n/\log n}) +$ distributional assumptions or when  $s_0 = o(n/\log n) +$ stronger distributional assumptions

Conversion Reserved

for norms more general than  $\ell_1$  the results go through under isotropy conditions but not (yet) under the small ball property



## Higher order isotropy

Suppose the graph of  $X_0$  has a directed acyclic graph (DAG) structure that is, satisfying (after an appropriate permutation of the indexes) the structural equations model

$$X_{0,1} = \epsilon_{0,1},$$
 (1)

$$X_{0,j} = \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} X_{0,k} \beta_{k,j} + \epsilon_{0,j}, \ j = 2, \dots, p$$

where  $\{\epsilon_{0,j}\}_{j=1}^{p}$  is a martingale difference array for the filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_{j}\}_{j=0}^{p-1}$ .

We assume:

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$$X_{0,j}$$
 is  $\mathcal{F}_j$ -measurable,  $j = 1, ..., p$   
-  $\omega_j^2 := \operatorname{var}(\epsilon_{0,j}) = \mathbb{E}\operatorname{var}(X_j | \mathcal{F}_{j-1})$  exists for all  $j$ .

Lemma Assume the structural equations model.. Assume in addition that for some constant C and for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\mathbb{E}(\exp[\lambda\epsilon_{0,j}/\omega_j]|\mathcal{F}_{j-1}) \leq \exp[\lambda^2 C^2/2], j = 1, \dots, p.$$

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Then  $X_0$  is sub-Gaussian with constant C.

More generally let  $\{\mathcal{F}_j\}_{j=0}^p$  be a filtration and for j = 1, ..., p, let  $X_{0,j}$  be  $\mathcal{F}_j$ -measurable and  $V_j$  be  $\mathcal{F}_{j-1}$ -measurable and satisfying for some m > 2,

$$\max_{1\leq j\leq p}\|V_j\|_m:=\mu_m<\infty.$$

Lemma Suppose that for some constant K and all j

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{0,j}|\mathcal{F}_{j-1}) = 0, \ \mathbb{E}(|X_{0,j}|^k|\mathcal{F}_{j-1}) \leq \frac{k!}{2}K^{k-2}V_j^2, \ k = 2, 3, \dots$$

We have for all  $2 < m_0 < m$  and all  $\|u\|_2 = 1$ 

$$\|X_0 u\|_{m_0} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2m}{m-m_0}} \left(\frac{3m\Gamma(m_0/2+1)}{m-m_0}\right)^{m_0/2+1} \mu_m + \left(3\Gamma(m_0+1)\right)^{1/2}$$