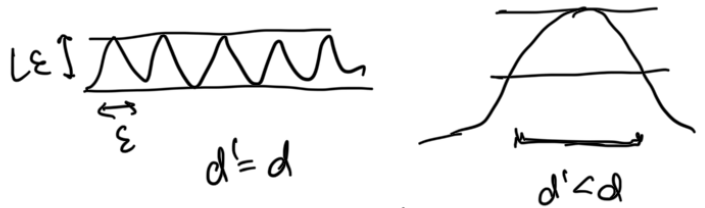


# Recap Lipschitz bandits

$$|\mu(x) - \mu(x')| \leq L \|x - x'\|_{D(x, x')} \quad \forall x, x' \in \mathcal{X}$$

① Fixed discretization  $E[R(T)] \asymp T^{\frac{d+1}{d+2}}$  (ignores  $\log T, L$ )  
 simple reduction to multiarm bandit  $d = \dim \mathcal{X}$

② Adaptive discretization  $E[R(T)] \asymp T^{\frac{d'+1}{d'+2}}$   $d' = \text{zooming dim of } \mathcal{X}$   
 (Arms not covered by confidence ball of current active set of arms)



max reward	{	Cumulative regret $\leftarrow \sum_{t=1}^T \mu(x^*) - \mu(x_t)$	$\cdot T \cdot T^{-\frac{1}{d'+2}}$	}	$> d'$
		Simple regret $\leftarrow \mu(x^*) - \mu(x_t)$	$\cdot T^{-\frac{1}{d'+2}}$		
reward everywhere	{	global $\sqrt{\text{MSE}}$ $\leftarrow \sqrt{\int (\mu(x) - \hat{\mu}_n(x))^2 dx}$	$n^{-\frac{1}{d+2}}$	}	$= d$

## Linear Bandits

Player chooses action  $x_t$

observes  $y_t = \langle x_t, \theta_* \rangle + \eta_t$   $\eta_t$  zero mean subgaussian

$$E[y_t] = \mu_t = \langle x_t, \theta_* \rangle$$

Minimize cumulative regret  $E[R(T)] = E \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T \mu(x^*) - \mu(x_t) \right]$   
 $= E \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T \langle x^*, \theta_* \rangle - \langle x_t, \theta_* \rangle \right]$

Suppose we observe  $\{(x_s, y_s)_{s=1}^{t-1}\}$

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

$$= (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T Y \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^T \\ \vdots \\ x_t^T \end{bmatrix} \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underbrace{V_{t-1}^{-1}} X^T Y$$

$$V_0 = \lambda I$$

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

$$= \lambda I + \sum_{s=1}^t X_s X_s^T$$

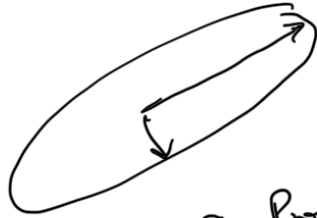
computed sequentially

Confidence set

$$C_t = \{ \theta : \|\hat{\theta}_t - \theta\|_{V_t}^2 \leq \beta_t \} \leftarrow \text{ellipsoid}$$

(A1)  $\beta_t$  increasingly seq<sup>n</sup>  $\geq 1$

(A2) whp  $\theta^* \in C_t \iff |\hat{\mu}_t - \mu| \leq \epsilon_t$   
 $\beta_t = d$



→ axes of  $V_{t-1}$  ← Covar of data seen  
 axes of  $V_{t+1}$

≈ Prob of a point being drawn from same distr as prev data

### Linear UCB

Play  $x_t = \operatorname{argmax}_x UCB_t(x)$

where  $UCB_t(x) = \max_{\theta \in C_t} \langle x, \theta \rangle$

$\equiv \hat{\mu}(x) + \epsilon_t(x)$

Observe  $y_t$ , update  $\hat{\theta}_t$ .

(A3)  $\max_x \langle x_* - x, \theta_* \rangle \leq 1$

(A4)  $\|x\|_2 \leq L$

Thm: If (A1) - (A4) hold, whp

$$E[R(T)] = O(d\sqrt{T} \log T)$$

(hint:  $\leq \sqrt{\frac{d}{n}}$ )

Proof:  $\tilde{\theta}_t = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in C_t} \langle x_t, \theta \rangle$

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

UCB sampling

Regret at time  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x_t - x_{t-1}, \theta_* \rangle &= \langle x_t, \theta_* \rangle - \langle x_{t-1}, \theta_* \rangle \\ &\leq \langle x_t, \tilde{\theta}_t \rangle - \langle x_{t-1}, \theta_* \rangle \\ &= \langle x_t, \hat{\theta}_t - \theta_* \rangle \\ &= x_t^T V_{t-1}^{-1/2} V_{t-1}^{1/2} (\hat{\theta}_t - \theta_*) \end{aligned}$$

Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}} \|\hat{\theta}_t - \theta_*\|_{V_{t-1}} \\ &\leq \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}} \left( \underbrace{\|\tilde{\theta}_t - \hat{\theta}_t\|_{V_{t-1}}}_{\tilde{\theta}_t \in \mathcal{C}_t} + \underbrace{\|\hat{\theta}_t - \theta_*\|_{V_{t-1}}}_{\theta_* \in \mathcal{C}_t} \right) \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{\beta_t} \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}} \quad \text{whp } \textcircled{A2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle x_t - x_{t-1}, \theta_* \rangle \leq \min(1, 2\sqrt{\beta_t} \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}) \quad \textcircled{A3} \quad \star$$

Elliptic potential lemma

$$\rightarrow \sum_{t=1}^T \min(1, \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2) \leq 2 \log \frac{|V_T|}{|V_0|} \approx o(d)$$

Proof: LHS  $\leq 2 \sum_{t=1}^T \log(1 + \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2)$   $u \geq 0 \implies \min(u, 1) \leq 2 \ln(1+u)$

$$\begin{aligned} V_t &= V_{t-1} + x_t x_t^T \\ &= V_{t-1}^{1/2} \left( I + V_{t-1}^{-1/2} x_t x_t^T V_{t-1}^{-1/2} \right) V_{t-1}^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$

$$\begin{aligned} |V_t| &= |V_{t-1}| \left| I + \underbrace{V_{t-1}^{-1/2} x_t x_t^T V_{t-1}^{-1/2}}_{\text{rank 1}} \right| \quad \text{If } Z Z^T \\ &= |V_{t-1}| \left( 1 + \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2 \right) \cdot \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{d-1} \quad \text{--- \#} \end{aligned}$$

$$|V_T| = |V_0| \prod_{t=1}^T \left( 1 + \|x_t\|_{V_{t-1}^{-1}}^2 \right) \quad \leftarrow$$

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

$$|V_0| = |\lambda I| = \lambda^d$$

$$|V_T| = \prod_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \leq \left( \frac{1}{d} \text{tr}(V_T) \right)^d \leq \left( \frac{\text{tr}(V_0) + TL^2}{d} \right)^d$$

geom. mean  $\leq$  arith. mean

$$\Rightarrow \log \frac{|V_T|}{|V_0|} \leq \log \left( \frac{\lambda d + TL^2}{d \lambda} \right)^d = d \log \left( \frac{\lambda d + TL^2}{\lambda d} \right) = o(d)$$

$$R(T) = \sum_{t=1}^T \langle X_{t+1} - X_t, \theta^* \rangle \leq \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T 1^2} \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T \langle X_{t+1} - X_t, \theta^* \rangle^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{T} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T \langle X_{t+1} - X_t, \theta^* \rangle^2}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{T} \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T 4\beta_t \min(1, \|X_t\|_{V_{t+1}}^2)} \quad \textcircled{A1} \beta_t \text{ is increasing} \geq 1$$

$$= O\left(\sqrt{T\beta_T} \sqrt{8d \log \frac{\lambda d + TL^2}{d\lambda}}\right) \quad \textcircled{A1}$$

$$\cong \tilde{O}(\sqrt{T\beta_T} d) \cong \tilde{O}(d\sqrt{T})$$

but  $\textcircled{A2}$  holds if  $\beta_T \asymp d$

Cumulative regret  $\tilde{O}(d\sqrt{T}) = \frac{d}{\sqrt{T}}$

Supervised regression  $\sqrt{\text{MSE}} = O\left(\sqrt{\frac{d}{n}}\right)$

$\sqrt{d}$  price for exploration (regret incurred) over a continuous space

if linear reward over  $K$  actions (no continuous action space)

Cumulative regret  $\sqrt{\min(d, K)T}$

$\sqrt{KT}$

$\mathbb{E}$

$$UCB_t(x) = \max_{\theta \in C_t} \langle x, \theta \rangle$$

$$C_t = \{ \theta : \|\theta - \hat{\theta}_t\|_{V_{t-1}}^2 \leq \beta_t \}$$

$$UCB'_t(x) = \underbrace{\langle \hat{\theta}_t, x \rangle}_{\text{reward estimate } \hat{\mu}_t(x)} + \underbrace{\sqrt{\beta_t} \|x\|_{V_{t-1}}}_{\text{deviation } \varepsilon_t(x)} \quad \text{implementation preference}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, \theta \rangle &= \langle x, \hat{\theta}_t \rangle + \langle x, \theta - \hat{\theta}_t \rangle \\ &\leq \langle x, \hat{\theta}_t \rangle + \|x\|_{V_{t-1}} \|\theta - \hat{\theta}_t\|_{V_{t-1}} \\ &\leq \langle x, \hat{\theta}_t \rangle + \|x\|_{V_{t-1}} \sqrt{\beta_t} \quad \text{if } \theta \in C_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{\theta \in C_t} \langle x, \theta \rangle \leq \langle x, \hat{\theta}_t \rangle + \sqrt{\beta_t} \|x\|_{V_{t-1}} = UCB'_t(x)$$

$$\stackrel{!}{=} UCB_t(x)$$

(A2) Why  $\theta^* \in C_t$  if  $\beta_t = d$

$$\|\theta^* - \hat{\theta}_t\|_{V_t} \leq \sqrt{\beta_t}$$

Martingale Bernstein (Fradman)

Proof:  $Z_t = \|\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*\|_{V_{t-1}}^2 = (\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*)^T V_{t-1} (\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*)$

why  $\geq 1 - \delta$   $Z_t \leq \beta_t = O(d)$

Step 1  $Z_{t+1} \leq Z_t + 2\eta_t \frac{x_t^T (\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*)}{1 + x_t^T V_{t-1}^{-1} x_t} + \eta_t^2 \frac{x_t^T V_{t-1}^{-1} x_t}{1 + x_t^T V_{t-1}^{-1} x_t}$  To show

$$\Rightarrow Z_t \leq Z_1 + 2 \sum_{s=1}^t \eta_s \frac{x_s^T (\hat{\theta}_s - \theta^*)}{1 + x_s^T V_{s-1}^{-1} x_s} + \sum_{s=1}^t \eta_s^2 \frac{x_s^T V_{s-1}^{-1} x_s}{1 + x_s^T V_{s-1}^{-1} x_s}$$

Term 1  $Z_1 = \|\hat{\theta}_1 - \theta^*\|_{V_0}^2 \leq \|\theta^*\|^2 = O(d)$   $\hat{\theta}_1 = 0$  initialization

Term 2  $M_s = \frac{\eta_s x_s^T (\hat{\theta}_s - \theta^*)}{1 + x_s^T V_{s-1}^{-1} x_s} \mathbb{1}_{\{z_s \leq \beta_s \text{ or } z_s \geq 1\}}$  (HWI)  
 is a martingale diff seq + use Freedman's thm.

Term 3  $\sum_{s=1}^t \eta_s^2 \frac{x_s^T V_{s-1}^{-1} x_s}{1 + x_s^T V_{s-1}^{-1} x_s}$   $|\eta_s| \leq 1$   $\frac{a}{1+a} \leq \min(1, a)$

$$\leq \sum_{s=1}^t \min(1, x_s^T V_{s-1}^{-1} x_s)$$

$$\leq \sum_{s=1}^t 2 \ln(1 + x_s^T V_{s-1}^{-1} x_s)$$

$$= 2 \ln \prod_{s=1}^t (1 + x_s^T V_{s-1}^{-1} x_s)$$

$$= 2 \ln |V_t| / |V_0| \quad \text{from \#}$$

$$\leq 2d \ln t$$

$\frac{|V_t|}{|V_0|} = O(d \ln t)$  as above.

Step 1 decomposition into 3 terms:

$$z_{t+1} = (\hat{\theta}_{t+1} - \theta^*)^T V_t (\hat{\theta}_{t+1} - \theta^*)$$

$$= (V_t (\hat{\theta}_{t+1} - \theta^*))^T V_t^{-1} (V_t (\hat{\theta}_{t+1} - \theta^*))$$

$$= (V_{t-1} (\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*) + \eta_t x_t)^T V_t^{-1} (V_{t-1} (\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*) + \eta_t x_t)$$

$\therefore V_t (\hat{\theta}_{t+1} - \theta^*) = V_{t-1} (\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*) + \eta_t x_t$  since

by def  $\hat{\theta}_t$

$$\begin{cases} V_t \hat{\theta}_{t+1} = \sum_{s=1}^t x_s y_s = \sum_{s=1}^t x_s (x_s^T \theta^* + \eta_s) = V_t \theta^* + \sum_{s=1}^t x_s \eta_s \\ V_{t-1} \hat{\theta}_t = V_{t-1} \theta^* + \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} x_s \eta_s \end{cases}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow V_t^{-1} = V_{t-1}^{-1} - \frac{V_{t-1}^{-1} x_t x_t^T V_{t-1}^{-1}}{1 + x_t^T V_{t-1}^{-1} x_t}$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_{t+1} = Z_t - (V_t(\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*) + \eta_t x_t)^T \frac{V_t^{-1} x_t x_t^T V_t^{-1}}{1 + x_t^T V_t^{-1} x_t} (V_t(\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*) + \eta_t x_t)$$

$$= Z_t - \underbrace{(V_t(\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*))^T \frac{V_t^{-1} x_t x_t^T V_t^{-1}}{1 + x_t^T V_t^{-1} x_t} V_t(\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*)}_{\geq 0}$$

$$+ 2\eta_t x_t^T \left( V_t^{-1} - \frac{V_t^{-1} x_t x_t^T V_t^{-1}}{1 + x_t^T V_t^{-1} x_t} \right) V_t(\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*)$$

$$+ \eta_t^2 x_t^T \left( V_t^{-1} - \frac{V_t^{-1} x_t x_t^T V_t^{-1}}{1 + x_t^T V_t^{-1} x_t} \right) x_t$$

$$\leq Z_t + 2\eta_t \left( 1 - \frac{x_t^T V_t^{-1} x_t}{1 + x_t^T V_t^{-1} x_t} \right) x_t^T (\hat{\theta}_t - \theta^*)$$

$$+ \eta_t^2 \left( x_t^T V_t^{-1} x_t - \frac{(x_t^T V_t^{-1} x_t)^2}{1 + x_t^T V_t^{-1} x_t} \right)$$