# **The Three-Dimensional Gaussian Product Inequality**

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Inequalities involving Gaussian distributions are related to various fields and have attracted great concern.

Royen (14): Gaussian correlation inequality.

For any closed symmetric sets  $K, L$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and any centered Gaussian measure  $\mu$  we have

 $\mu(K \cap L) \geq \mu(K)\mu(L).$ 

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#### Gaussian product conjecture

For any *d*-dimensional real-valued centered Gaussian random vector  $(X_1, \ldots, X_d)$ ,

$$
\mathbf{E}[X_1^{2m}X_2^{2m}\cdots X_d^{2m}] \geq \mathbf{E}[X_1^{2m}]\mathbf{E}[X_2^{2m}]\cdots \mathbf{E}[X_d^{2m}], \quad m \in \mathbb{N}.
$$

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#### Real polarization problem

For any  $d \geq 2$ , and any collection  $x_1, \ldots, x_d$  of unit vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , there exists a unit vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$  such that

 $|\langle v, x_1 \rangle \cdots \langle v, x_d \rangle| \geq d^{-d/2}.$ 

As a consequence, for  $d \geq 2$  and for every real Hilbert space  $\mathcal H$ of dimensional at least *d*, one has that

 $\inf\{M > 0 : \forall u_1, \ldots, u_d \in S(\mathcal{H}), \exists v \in S(\mathcal{H}) : |\langle u_1, v \rangle \cdots \langle u_d, v \rangle| \geq M^{-1}\} = d^{d/2},$ 

and  $S(H) := \{u \in H : ||u||_{\mathcal{H}} = 1\}.$ 

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#### *U*-conjecture

Let  $X = (X_1, \ldots, X_d)$  be a Gaussian vector such that *X* ∼  $\mathcal{N}(0, I_d)$ . If two polynomials  $P(X)$  and  $Q(X)$  are independent, then they are unlinked.

 $P(X)$  and  $Q(X)$  are said to be unlinked if there exist an isometry  $T:\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  and an index  $r \in \{1,\ldots,d-1\}$  such that  $P(X) \in \mathbb{R}[Y_1, \ldots, Y_r]$  and  $Q(X) \in \mathbb{R}[Y_{r+1}, \ldots, Y_n]$ , where  $Y = (Y_1, \ldots, Y_d) = T(X).$ 

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Li and Wei (12): Improved version of the Gaussian product conjecture:

$$
\mathbf{E}\left[\prod_{j=1}^d |X_j|^{\alpha_j}\right] \geq \prod_{j=1}^d \mathbf{E}[|X_j|^{\alpha_j}],
$$

where  $\alpha_j, j=1,2,\ldots,d,$  are nonnegative real numbers.

No universal method is available for proving the Gaussian product conjecture.

Frenkel (08) used algebraic methods to give proof for the case  $\alpha_i = 2$  (*m* = 1).

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#### Wei (14) used integral representations to prove that for  $\alpha_j \in (-1,0),$

$$
\mathbf{E}\left[\prod_{j=1}^d |X_j|^{\alpha_j}\right] \geq \mathbf{E}\left[\prod_{j=1}^k |X_j|^{\alpha_j}\right] \mathbf{E}\left[\prod_{j=k+1}^d |X_j|^{\alpha_j}\right].
$$

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 $\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right.$ 

Stronger version of Gaussian product inequality does not necessarily hold in general.

Let *U* and *V* be independent standard Gaussian random variables. Since

$$
\mathbf{E}\left[U^2(U+2V)^2(U-2V)^2\right] = \mathbf{E}\left[U^6 - 8U^4V^2 + 16U^2V^4\right] = 39,
$$

and

$$
\mathbf{E}[U^2]\mathbf{E}[(U+2V)^2(U-2V)^2] = \mathbf{E}[U^4 - 8U^2V^2 + 16V^4] = 43,
$$

we have

$$
\mathbf{E}\left[U^2(U+2V)^2(U-2V)^2\right] < \mathbf{E}[U^2]\mathbf{E}\left[(U+2V)^2(U-2V)^2\right].
$$

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## Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operator on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :

 $\mathcal{L}f = \Delta f - \langle x, \nabla f \rangle.$ 

$$
\gamma_d = (2\pi)^{-d/2} \exp\{-|x|^2/2\} dx.
$$
  
Spectrum( $-\mathcal{L}$ ) = N.  
 $\{H_k : k = 0, 1, ...\}$ : Hermite polynomials on R.  
Ker( $\mathcal{L} + kI$ ): *k*-th eigenspace of  $\mathcal{L}$ :

$$
F(x_1,...,x_d) = \sum_{i_1+...+i_d=k} \alpha(i_1,...,i_d) \prod_{j=1}^d H_{i_j}(x_j).
$$

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Malicet, Nourdin, Peccati and Poly (16) Fix *n* ≥ 1, let  $k_1, \ldots, k_n \geq 1$ , and consider polynomials  $F_i \in \text{Ker}(\mathcal{L} + k_i I)$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . Then,

$$
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n F_i^2 \right) d\gamma_d \ge \prod_{i=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} F_i^2 d\gamma_d.
$$

The equality holds if and only if the  $F_i$ 's are jointly independent.

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Karlin and Rinott (81) Gaussian product inequality holds for  $X = (X_1, \ldots, X_d)$  if the density of  $|X| = (|X_1|, \ldots, |X_d|)$  satisfies the condition of multivariate totally positive of order 2  $(MTP<sub>2</sub>)$ .

For any non-degenerate 2-dimensional centered Gaussian random vector  $(X_1, X_2)$ ,  $(|X_1|, |X_2|)$  has a MTP<sub>2</sub> density.

For a high dimensional (*d* ≥ 3) centered Gaussian random vector X, the density of  $|X|$  is not always MTP<sub>2</sub>.

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Hu, Lan and Sun (19) For any 3-dimensional centered Gaussian random vector (*X*, *Y*, *Z*),

> $\mathbf{E}\left[ X^{2m} \, Y^{2m} Z^{2m} \right] \geq \mathbf{E}[X^{2m}] \mathbf{E}[Y^{2m}] \mathbf{E}[Z^{2m}]$  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The equality holds if and only if *X*, *Y*, *Z* are independent.

Intrinsic connection between moments of Gaussian distributions and the Gaussian hypergeometric functions.

New combinatorial identities and inequalities and more accurate lower bounds for some special cases.

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#### For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , define

$$
(\alpha)_n = \begin{cases} \alpha(\alpha+1)\cdots(\alpha+n-1), & n \ge 1, \\ 1, & n = 0, \ \alpha \ne 0. \end{cases}
$$

 $n! = (1)<sub>n</sub>$ .

$$
(2n-1)!! = 2n \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_n, \quad n \ge 0.
$$

For  $0 \le k \le n$ , *n k*  $= \frac{n!}{(n+1)!}$  $\frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} = \frac{(1)_n}{(1)_{n-k}}$  $\frac{(1)_n}{(1)_{n-k}(1)_k} = \frac{(1+n-k)_k}{(1)_k}$  $\frac{n}{(1)_k}$ 

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#### Define

$$
\binom{n}{k}_{\frac{1}{2}} := \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}+n-k\right)_k}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_k} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_n}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n-k}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_k} = \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n-2k-1)!!(2k-1)!!}.
$$

 $\binom{n}{k}$  $\binom{n}{k}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  may not be an integer. E.G.  $\binom{4}{2}$  $\binom{4}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  =  $\frac{35}{3}$  $\frac{35}{3}$  and  $\binom{6}{3}$  $\binom{6}{3}$ <sub> $\frac{1}{2}$ </sub> =  $\frac{231}{5}$  $\frac{31}{5}$ .

$$
\binom{k+r}{r}_{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \binom{2}{1}_{\frac{1}{2}} = 3, \quad \forall k, r \in \mathbb{N}.
$$

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Theorem Let *X* and *Y* be independent centered Gaussian random variables. Then for any  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\},$ 

$$
\mathbf{E}\left[X^{2m}Y^{2n}(X^2-Y^2)^{2r}\right] \geq {\binom{(m\wedge n)+r}{r}}_{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{E}[X^{2m}]\mathbf{E}[Y^{2n}]\left[\mathbf{E}(X+Y)^{2r}\right]^2.
$$

The equality holds if and only if  $m = n$  and  $\mathbf{E}[X^2] = \mathbf{E}[Y^2].$ 

$$
(X^2 - Y^2)^{2r} = (X + Y)^{2r}(X - Y)^{2r}
$$
 and  $\mathbf{E}[(X + Y)^{2r}] = \mathbf{E}[(X - Y)^{2r}].$ 

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Let 
$$
a^2 = \mathbb{E}[X^2]
$$
 and  $b^2 = \mathbb{E}[Y^2]$ . Define

$$
U=\frac{X}{a},\quad V=\frac{Y}{b}.
$$

Then *U*, *V* are independent standard Gaussian r.v.s.

Suppose that  $m > n$ . Then

$$
\binom{(m\wedge n)+r}{r}_{\frac{1}{2}}=\frac{(2n+2r-1)!!}{(2n-1)!!(2r-1)!!},\quad \mathbf{E}[(X+Y)^{2r}]=(2r-1)!!(a^2+b^2)^r.
$$

 $\mathbf{E}\left[U^{2m}V^{2n}(a^2U^2-b^2V^2)^{2r}\right] \geq (2m-1)!!(2n+2r-1)!!(2r-1)!!(a^2+b^2)^{2r}.$ 

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$$
\mathbf{E}\left[U^{2m}V^{2n}\left(\gamma U^2-(1-\gamma)V^2\right)^{2r}\right] \geq 2^{m+n+2r}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_m\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+r}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_r, \ 0<\gamma<1.
$$

For  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , define

$$
G_{m,n}(\gamma) = \mathbf{E}\left[U^{2m}V^{2n}(\gamma U^2 - (1-\gamma)V^2)^{2r}\right],
$$

and

$$
H_{m,n}(\gamma) = G_{m,n}(\gamma) - 2^{m+n+2r} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_m \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+r} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_r.
$$

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To prove the improved Gaussian product inequality, it is sufficient to verify

$$
H_{n,n}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)=0;\quad H_{n,n}(\gamma)>0,\quad \gamma\in\left(0,\frac{1}{2}\right)\bigcup\left(\frac{1}{2},1\right);
$$

$$
H_{m,n}(\gamma)>0,\quad \gamma\in(0,1),\,m>n.
$$

The proofs are based on the classical Gaussian hypergeometric functions:

$$
F(a, b, c; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n} \cdot \frac{z^n}{n!}, \quad |z| < 1.
$$

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#### **[The symmetric case:](#page-23-0)**  $H_{n,n}(\gamma) > 0$

$$
\frac{d^2H_{n,n}}{d\gamma^2}(\gamma) = 2r(2r-1)\mathbf{E}\left[U^{2n}V^{2n}\left(\gamma(U^2+V^2) - V^2\right)^{2r-2}(U^2+V^2)^2\right] > 0,
$$
\n
$$
\frac{dH_{n,n}}{d\gamma}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2r\mathbf{E}\left[U^{2n}V^{2n}\left(\frac{U^2-V^2}{2}\right)^{2r-1}(U^2+V^2)\right] = 0.
$$

Then,  $H_{n,n}(\gamma)$  reaches its unique minimum at  $\gamma=\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Hence it is sufficient to verify that  $H_{n,n}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  $(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$ , i.e.,

$$
\sum_{i=0}^{2r} (-1)^i {2r \choose i} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+2r-i} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+i} = 2^{2r} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+r}.
$$

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**[The symmetric case:](#page-24-0)**  $H_{n,n}(\gamma) \geq 0$ 

#### Lemma Let  $l, r \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $l \leq r$ . Then we have

$$
\sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \frac{\binom{2r}{i}\binom{l-1}{i}}{\binom{2r-l}{i}} = \frac{(2r)!}{2r!r!\binom{2r-l}{r}}.
$$

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#### **[The symmetric case:](#page-25-0)**  $H_{n,n}(\gamma) \geq 0$

$$
\sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \frac{\binom{2r}{i}\binom{l-1}{i}}{\binom{2r-1}{i}}
$$
\n
$$
= \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \frac{(-2r)_i(1-l)_i}{(l-2r)_i \cdot i!}(-1)^i
$$
\n
$$
= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2r)_i(1-l)_i}{(l-2r)_i \cdot i!}(-1)^i
$$
\n
$$
= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2(r+\varepsilon))_i(1-l)_i}{(l-2(r+\varepsilon))_i \cdot i!}(-1)^i
$$
\n
$$
= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \lim_{z \to -1} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2(r+\varepsilon))_i(1-l)_i}{(l-2(r+\varepsilon))_i \cdot i!} z^i
$$

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#### **[The symmetric case:](#page-26-0)**  $H_{n,n}(\gamma) \geq 0$

$$
= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \lim_{z \to -1} F(-2(r + \varepsilon), 1 - l, (l - 2(r + \varepsilon)); z)
$$
  
\n
$$
= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{\Gamma(l - 2(r + \varepsilon))\Gamma(1 - (r + \varepsilon))}{\Gamma(1 - 2(r + \varepsilon))\Gamma(l - (r + \varepsilon))}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{(-r + \varepsilon)) \cdots (1 - 2(r + \varepsilon))}{(l - (r + \varepsilon) - 1) \cdots (l - 2(r + \varepsilon))}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \frac{(2r - 1) \cdots r}{(2r - l) \cdots (r + 1 - l)}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \frac{(2r - 1)!}{(r - 1)! r! {2r - l \choose r}}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \frac{(2r)!}{2r! r! {2r - l \choose r}}.
$$

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**[The symmetric case:](#page-27-0)**  $H_{n,n}(\gamma) \geq 0$ 

Lemma Let  $l, r \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $l \leq r$ . Then we have

$$
\frac{2r!(l-1)!(2r-2l+1)!}{(2r)!(r-l)!} \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} {2r \choose i} {2r-l-i \choose 2r-2l+1} = 1.
$$

Corollary Let  $l, r \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $l \leq r$ . Then we have

$$
\sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \frac{\binom{l-1}{i}}{\binom{2r-i}{l}} = \frac{1}{2\binom{r}{l}}.
$$

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**[The symmetric case:](#page-28-0)**  $H_{n,n}(\gamma) \geq 0$ 

## Proof of identity:

$$
\sum_{i=0}^{2r} (-1)^i \binom{2r}{i} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+2r-i} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+i} = 2^{2r} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+r}.
$$

#### Equivalent version:

$$
\left\{\frac{2r!}{(2r)!}\sum_{i=0}^{r-1}(-1)^i\binom{2r}{i}\left(\frac{1}{2}+n+r\right)_{r-i}\left(\frac{1}{2}+n\right)_i\right\}+\frac{(-1)^r}{r!}\left(\frac{1}{2}+n\right)_r=1.
$$

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#### **[The symmetric case:](#page-29-0)**  $H_{n,n}(\gamma) > 0$

Define an *r*-th degree polynomial *L* by

$$
L(x) = \left\{ \frac{2r!}{(2r)!} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} (-1)^i \binom{2r}{i} (x+1+r)_{r-i} (x+1)_i \right\} + \left\{ \frac{(-1)^r}{r!} (x+1)_r \right\} - 1.
$$

 $L(0) = 0$ . From the previous lemma, we get

$$
L(-l) = 0, \quad l \in \{1, 2, \ldots, r\}.
$$

Hence the  $r$ -th degree polynomial  $L$  has at least  $(r + 1)$  roots, which implies that  $L \equiv 0$ .

$$
L\left(n-\frac{1}{2}\right)=0.
$$

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**[The asymmetric case:](#page-30-0)**  $H_{m,n}(\gamma) > 0$ 

$$
G_{m,n}(\gamma) = \mathbf{E}\left[U^{2m}V^{2n}\left(\gamma(U^2+V^2)-V^2\right)^{2r}\right], \quad \gamma \in \mathbb{R}.
$$

 $G_{m,n}$  is a strictly convex function on  $\mathbb R$  and hence reaches its minimum at some  $\gamma_m \in (0,1)$  with  $\frac{d}{d\gamma} G_{m,n}(\gamma_m) = 0.$ 

Lemma For 
$$
0 < \gamma < 1
$$
,  
\n
$$
G_{m,n}(\gamma) = 2^{m+n+2r} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_m \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+2r} F\left(-2r, -m-n-2r, \frac{1}{2}-n-2r; \gamma\right).
$$

Pfaff transformation

$$
F(-2r,\frac{1}{2}+m,\frac{1}{2}-n-2r;-z)=(1+z)^{2r}F(-2r,-m-n-2r,\frac{1}{2}-n-2r;\frac{z}{1+z}).
$$

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**[The asymmetric case:](#page-31-0)**  $H_{m,n}(\gamma) > 0$ 

Gauss' contiguous relations of hypergeometric functions. Consider the six functions

$$
F(a \pm 1, b, c; z), \quad F(a, b \pm 1, c; z), \quad F(a, b, c \pm 1; z),
$$

which are called contiguous to  $F(a, b, c; z)$ .

$$
c(1-z)F - cF(a-1) + (c - b)zF(c+1) = 0,
$$
  
\n
$$
(b-a)F + aF(a+1) - bF(b+1) = 0,
$$
  
\n
$$
[c-2b + (b-a)z]F + b(1-z)F(b+1) - (c-b)F(b-1) = 0,
$$

$$
\frac{d}{dz}F(a, b, c; z) = \frac{ab}{c}F(a + 1, b + 1, c + 1; z).
$$

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**[The asymmetric case:](#page-32-0)**  $H_{m,n}(\gamma) > 0$ 

For  $0 < \gamma < 1$ , define

$$
B_m(\gamma) = F\left(-2r, -m-n-2r, \frac{1}{2}-n-2r; \gamma\right).
$$

*B*<sub>*m*+1</sub> reaches its minimum at some  $\gamma_{m+1} \in (0,1)$  with *d*  $\frac{d}{d\gamma}B_{m+1}(\gamma_{m+1})=0.$ 

Lemma Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\gamma_{m+1} \in (0,1)$  be the minimum point of  $B_{m+1}$ . Then

$$
B_{m+1}(\gamma_{m+1})=B_m(\gamma_{m+1}).
$$

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#### **[The asymmetric case:](#page-33-0)**  $H_{m,n}(\gamma) > 0$

Proof of  $H_{m,n}(\gamma) > 0$  for  $m > n$ :

 $H_{m,n}(\gamma) > 0$  can be written as

$$
G_{m,n}(\gamma) > 2^{m+n+2r} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_m \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+r} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_r.
$$

On the other hand,

$$
G_{m,n}(\gamma) = 2^{m+n+2r} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_m \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+2r} B_m(\gamma).
$$

Hence, we need show that

$$
B_m(\gamma) > \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+r} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{n+2r}^{-1} = {n+2r \choose r}^{-1}_{\frac{1}{2}}.
$$

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**[The asymmetric case:](#page-34-0)**  $H_{m,n}(\gamma) > 0$ 

In the symmetric case we have proved that

$$
B_n(\gamma) > {n+2r \choose r}^{-1}, \quad \gamma \neq \frac{1}{2}.
$$

By the previous lemma, we get

$$
B_{n+1}(\gamma) \geq B_{n+1}(\gamma_{n+1}) = B_n(\gamma_{n+1}) > {n+2r \choose r}_{\frac{1}{2}}^{-1}.
$$

Suppose the inequality holds for  $m = k \geq n + 1$ . Using the previous lemma again, we get

$$
B_{k+1}(\gamma) \geq B_{k+1}(\gamma_{k+1}) = B_k(\gamma_{k+1}) > {n+2r \choose r}_{\frac{1}{2}},
$$

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Therefore, the proof is complete by induction.

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## **1 [Introduction](#page-4-0)**

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## **3 [Proof of 3-D Gaussian product inequality and extension](#page-35-0)**

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Lemma Suppose that (*X*, *Y*, *Z*) is a centered Gaussian random vector such that  $\alpha X + \beta Y + \gamma Z = 0$  for some constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ that are not all zero. Then for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

 $\mathbf{E}\left[X^{2m}Y^{2m}Z^{2n}\right] > \mathbf{E}[X^{2m}]\mathbf{E}[Y^{2m}]\mathbf{E}[Z^{2n}].$ 

The proof is based on the improved Gaussian product inequality given above.

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We assume without loss of generality that  $Z = X - Y$  and  $E[Z^2] = 1.$ 

Define

$$
a = \mathbf{E}[XZ], \quad b = \mathbf{E}[YZ],
$$

and

$$
U = X - aZ = Y - bZ, \quad V = \sqrt{|ab|}Z.
$$

To prove the desired inequality, it is sufficient to verify that for  $0 \leq i \leq m$ 

$$
\mathbf{E}\left[V^{2n+2i}U^{2i}(V^2-U^2)^{2m-2i}\right] > {m \choose i}_\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{E}[V^{2n+2i}]\mathbf{E}[U^{2i}]\left\{\mathbf{E}[(V+U)^{2m-2i}]\right\}^2.
$$

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Theorem Let (*X*, *Y*, *Z*) be a 3-dimensional centered Gaussian random vector. Then for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

 $\mathbf{E}\left[X^{2m} \ Y^{2m} Z^{2n}\right] \geq \mathbf{E}[X^{2m}] \mathbf{E}[Y^{2m}] \mathbf{E}[Z^{2n}].$ 

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#### Proof. Define

$$
Z_0 = \mathbf{E}[Z|X,Y], \quad Z_1 = Z - Z_0.
$$

Then,

$$
Z^{2n} = (Z_0 + Z_1)^{2n} = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} {2n \choose i} Z_0^{2n-i} Z_1^i.
$$

Note that  $Z_1$  is independent of  $X, Y$ . Hence

$$
\mathbf{E}\left[Z_0^{2n-i}Z_1^i|X,Y\right]=Z_0^{2n-i}\mathbf{E}\left[Z_1^i\right],
$$

which is equal to zero for odd *i*.

$$
\mathbf{E}\left[Z^{2n}|X,Y\right] = \sum_{i=0}^{n} {2n \choose 2i} Z_0^{2n-2i} \mathbf{E}\left[Z_1^{2i}\right].
$$

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Note that  $Z_0 = \alpha X + \beta Y$  holds for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, it follow from the previous lemma that

$$
\mathbf{E}\left[X^{2m}Y^{2m}Z_0^{2n-2i}\right] \geq \mathbf{E}[X^{2m}]\mathbf{E}[Y^{2m}]\mathbf{E}[Z_0^{2n-2i}].
$$

Thus,

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$$
\begin{array}{rcl}\n\mathbf{E}\left[X^{2m} Y^{2m} Z^{2n}\right] & = & \mathbf{E}\left[\mathbf{E}\left[Z^{2n} | X, Y\right] \cdot X^{2m} Y^{2m}\right] \\
& = & \sum_{i=0}^{n} \binom{2n}{2i} \mathbf{E}\left[X^{2m} Y^{2m} Z_{0}^{2n-2i}\right] \mathbf{E}[Z_{1}^{2i}] \\
& \geq & \sum_{i=0}^{n} \binom{2n}{2i} \mathbf{E}[X^{2m}] \mathbf{E}[Y^{2m}] \mathbf{E}[Z_{0}^{2n-2i}] \mathbf{E}[Z_{1}^{2i}] \\
& = & \mathbf{E}[X^{2m}] \mathbf{E}[Y^{2m}] \sum_{i=0}^{n} \binom{2n}{2i} \mathbf{E}\left[Z_{0}^{2n-2i} Z_{1}^{2i}\right] \\
& = & \mathbf{E}[X^{2m}] \mathbf{E}[Y^{2m}] \mathbf{E}\left[(Z_{0} + Z_{1})^{2n}\right].\n\end{array}
$$

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