

Coercive Inequalities and U-Bounds

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Introduction

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where ∇ is the standard gradient on \mathbb{R}^n and $d\mu = \frac{e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{2}}}{Z} d\lambda$ is the Gaussian measure.

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Euclidean space: \mathbb{R}^n



Carnot group: \mathbb{G}

Euclidean gradient: ∇_{euc}



Subgradient: $\nabla = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$

Gaussian measure



More general probability measures

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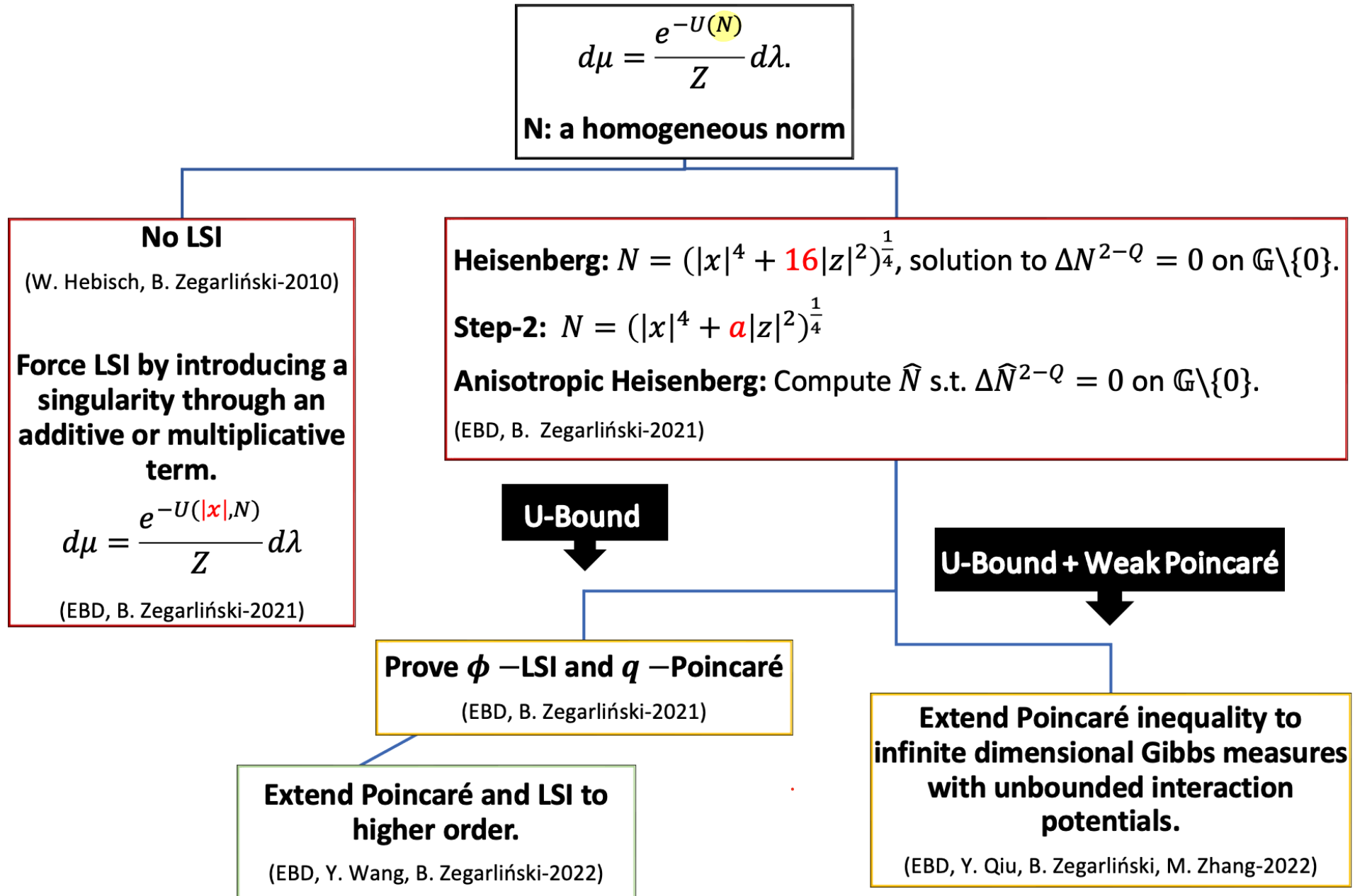
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Applications:

LSI \rightarrow Hypercontractivity

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Introduction

L.Gross showed that (1) can be extended to **infinite dimensions**.

He proved that if \mathcal{L} is the non-positive self-adjoint operator on $L^2(\mu)$ such that

$$(-\mathcal{L}f, f)_{L^2(\mu)} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla f|^2 d\mu,$$

then (1) is equivalent to the fact that the semigroup $P_t = e^{t\mathcal{L}}$ generated by \mathcal{L} is **hypercontractive**.

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In 1985, D. Bakry and M. Emery extended the Logarithmic Sobolev inequality for a larger class of probability measures defined on Riemannian manifolds under the **Curvature-Dimension condition**.

Introduction

The q -Logarithmic Sobolev inequality, in the setting of a metric measure space, was obtained by S. Bobkov and M. Ledoux in 2000, in the form:

$$\int f^q \log \frac{f^q}{\int f^q d\mu} d\mu \leq c \int |\nabla f|^q d\mu,$$

where $q \in (1, 2]$. In 2005, S. Bobkov and B. Zegarliński showed that the q -LSI is better than $q = 2$ in the sense that one gets a **stronger decay of tail estimates** i.e. if μ satisfies the Logarithmic Sobolev inequality for $q \in (1, 2]$, then for every bounded locally Lipschitz function f such that $|\nabla f| \leq M$ μ -a.e. for $M \in (0, \infty)$, we have

$$\mu(e^{tf}) \leq \exp\left\{\frac{cM^q}{q^q(q-1)} t^q + t\mu(f)\right\} \quad \forall t > 0.$$

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In addition, when the space is finite, and under weak conditions, S.

Bobkov and B. Zegarliński proved that the corresponding semigroup P_t is

ultracontractive i.e.

$$\| P_t f \|_\infty \leq \| f \|_p$$

for all $t \geq 0$ and $p \in [1, \infty)$.

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Definition

A Lie group on \mathbb{R}^N , $\mathbb{G} = (\mathbb{R}^N, \circ)$ is a Carnot group if:

(C.1) \mathbb{R}^N can be split as $\mathbb{R}^N = \mathbb{R}^{N_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^{N_r}$, and the dilation $\delta_\lambda : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$

$$\delta_\lambda(x) = \delta_\lambda(x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(r)}) = (\lambda x^{(1)}, \lambda^2 x^{(2)}, \dots, \lambda^r x^{(r)}), \quad x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_i},$$

is an automorphism of the group \mathbb{G} for every $\lambda > 0$.

(C.2) If N_1 is as above, let X_1, \dots, X_{N_1} be the left invariant vector fields on \mathbb{G} such that $X_j(0) = \partial/\partial x_j|_0$ for $j = 1, \dots, N_1$. Then

$$\text{rank}(\text{Lie}\{X_1, \dots, X_{N_1}\}(x)) = N \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

Definition

The vector valued operator $\nabla := (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{N_1})$ is called the sub-gradient on \mathbb{G} , and

$\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^{N_1} X_i^2$ is called the sub-Laplacian on \mathbb{G} .

Introduction

In the setting of Carnot groups, D. Bakry and M. Emery's **Curvature-Dimension condition will no longer hold true**. In 2010, W. Hebisch and B. Zegarliński developed a method of studying coercive inequalities on general metric spaces that does not require a bound on the curvature of space was developed.

their method is based on **U-bounds**,

$$\int f^q \mathcal{U}(d) d\mu \leq C \int |\nabla f|^q d\mu + D \int f^q d\mu$$

where $d\mu = \frac{e^{-U(d)}}{Z} d\lambda$ is a probability measure, $U(d)$ and $\mathcal{U}(d)$ are functions having a suitable growth at infinity.

$$\int f^q \mathcal{U}(d) d\mu \leq C \int |\nabla f|^q d\mu + D \int f^q d\mu; \quad d\mu = \frac{e^{-U(d)}}{Z} d\lambda$$

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Hebsich-Zegarliniski **Theorem 1**
(2009)

q –Poincaré

$\mathcal{U}(d) = U(d) + |\nabla U(d)|^q$

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We say that γ is horizontal if there exist measurable functions $a_1, \dots, a_{N_1} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such

that $\gamma'(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_1} a_i(t) X_i(\gamma(t))$ for almost all $t \in [0, 1]$. For such a horizontal curve γ , we

define the length of γ to be

$$|\gamma| = \int_0^1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_1} a_i^2(t) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dt.$$

Definition

The Carnot-Carathéodory distance or the control distance between two points x and y is defined by

$$d(x, y) = \inf \{ t \mid \gamma : [0, t] \rightarrow G, \gamma(0) = x, \gamma(t) = y, |\gamma'(s)| \leq 1 \forall s \in [0, t] \},$$

where $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow G$ is an absolutely continuous horizontal path on $[0, 1]$.

$$U\text{-Bound}; d\mu = \frac{e^{-U(d)}}{Z} d\lambda$$

Theorem (EBD, 2021)

Assume that outside the open unit ball $B = \{d(x) < 1\}$, the metric d satisfies the following: $|\nabla d|$ is bounded, say $|\nabla d| \leq 1$, and there exist finite positive constants K and c_0 such that

$$\Delta d \leq K + U'(d) (|\nabla d|^2 - c_0). \quad (2)$$

(i) If $U'' \leq \beta U'$ for some positive constant β , outside B , then for any $q \in (1, \infty)$, there exist constants C_q, D_q , independent of f , such that

$$\int |f|^q |U'(d)|^q d\mu_U \leq C_q \int |\nabla f|^q d\mu_U + D_q \int |f|^q d\mu_U.$$

(ii) If, in addition, $U \leq \gamma U^q$ for some positive constant γ and some $q > 1$, outside B , then

$$\int |f|^q U(d) d\mu_U \leq C_q \int |\nabla f|^q d\mu_U + D_q \int |f|^q d\mu_U.$$

Take $\mathcal{U}(d) = |U'(d)|^q$, by Hebisch-Zegarlinski **Theorem 1**, (i) \rightarrow q -Poincaré. To apply **Theorem 2**, we need $\mathcal{U}(d) = U(d) + |\nabla U(d)|^q = U(d) + |U'(d)\nabla d|^q \leq U(d) + |U'(d)|^q$. Using (i) and (ii), we get q -LSI.

Examples of Logarithmic Sobolev inequality

Example (EBD, 2021)

The q -Poincaré and a q -Logarithmic Sobolev inequality are satisfied for the measure

$$d\mu_U = \frac{e^{-(d+1)^p \log(d+1)}}{Z} d\lambda$$

for $q \geq \beta$, where β is the finite index conjugate to p .

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The q -Poincaré and a q -Logarithmic Sobolev inequality are satisfied for the measure

$$d\mu_U = \frac{e^{-\sinh(d)}}{Z} d\lambda$$

for all $q \geq 1$.

Talagrand Inequality

In 2000, F. Otto and C. Villani showed that in the setting of manifolds under D. Bakry and M. Emery's Curvature-Dimension condition, the LSI implies Talagrand's inequality:

$$T_w(\mu, \nu) \leq 2 \int \log(f) d\mu, \quad (4)$$

where μ is a measure on \mathbb{R}^N absolutely continuous wrt the Gaussian measure ν ,

$$f = \frac{d\mu}{d\nu}, \quad w(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - y_i)^2, \text{ and}$$

$$T_w(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N} w(x, y) d\pi(x, y),$$

where $\Pi(\mu, \nu)$ is the set of probability measures on $\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ with μ the first marginal and ν the second marginal.

Talagrand Inequality

We would like to apply the q -Logarithmic Sobolev inequality to get hypercontractivity and to obtain the p -Talagrand inequality on (X, d, μ) with a constant K :

$$W_p(\mu, \nu)^p \leq \frac{1}{K} \text{Ent}_\mu \left(\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \right), \quad (6)$$

with p finite index conjugate of q , where

$$W_p(\mu, \nu)^p = \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int_{X \times X} d(x, y)^p d\pi(x, y),$$

and

$$\text{Ent}_\mu \left(\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \right) = \int \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \log \left(\frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \right) d\mu.$$

Talagrand Inequality

For the quadratic case $p = q = 2$, J. Lott and C. Villani (2007) and for $p \geq 2$, Z. Balogh, A. Engulatov, L. Hunzinker, and O. Maasalo (2011) used the Hamilton-Jacobi infimum convolution operator under the assumption where the space (X, d, μ) supports **local Poincaré inequality** and the measure μ is a **doubling measure**.

In our setting, we show hypercontractivity and the p -Talagrand inequality using the **Hamilton-Jacobi equation in the setting of Carnot groups** done by F. Dragoni in 2007 . The advantage of doing so is that the restriction to have μ a **doubling measure is no longer required**.

Talagrand Inequality and Hypercontractivity

Theorem (EBD, 2021 LSI \rightarrow Talagrand)

Let $1 < q \leq 2$, and $p \geq 2$ be its finite index conjugate, so that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. If (G, d, μ) satisfies the q -Logarithmic Sobolev inequality with constant $c = (q - 1) \left(\frac{q}{K}\right)^{q-1}$ for some constant $K > 0$, then it also satisfies the p -Talagrand inequality with the same constant K .

Theorem (EBD, 2021 LSI \rightarrow Hypercontractivity)

Assume we have the following 2-Logarithmic Sobolev inequality with the measure $d\mu = \frac{e^{-U(d)}}{Z} d\lambda$, and in the setting of the Carnot group: then, for every bounded measurable function f on \mathbb{G} , every $t \geq 0$, and every $a \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\|e^{Q_t f}\|_{a+\rho t} \leq \|e^f\|_a.$$

$$d\mu = \frac{e^{-U(N)}}{Z} d\lambda.$$

N: a homogeneous norm

No LSI

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Force LSI by introducing a singularity through an additive or multiplicative term.

$$d\mu = \frac{e^{-U(|x|, N)}}{Z} d\lambda$$

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Setup

We define the **step-two** Carnot group \mathbb{G} , i.e. a group isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^{n+m} with the group law

$$(x, z) \circ (x', z') = \left(x_i + x'_i, z_j + z'_j + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Lambda^{(j)} x, x' \rangle \right)_{i=1, \dots, n; j=1, \dots, m}$$

for $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^n, z, z' \in \mathbb{R}^m$, where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ stands for the inner product on \mathbb{R}^n , and:

- 1) The matrices $\Lambda^{(j)}$ are $n \times n$ skew-symmetric
- 2) The matrices are linearly independent

We are in the setting of **Heisenberg** group, if in addition:

- 1) $\Lambda^{(j)}$ are orthogonal
- 2) $\Lambda^{(k)} \Lambda^{(j)} + \Lambda^{(j)} \Lambda^{(k)} = 0, \forall k \neq j.$

$$\text{Setup; } d\mu = \frac{e^{-U(N)}}{Z} d\lambda$$

Heisenberg:

$N \equiv (|x|^4 + 16|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ is the Kaplan norm. In other words, N^{2-Q} is the unique fundamental solution of the sub-Laplacian $\Delta := \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$, where X_i is the Jacobian basis of \mathfrak{g} , the Lie algebra of $\mathbb{G} \cong \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$, and $Q = n + 2m$ is the homogeneous dimension.

Step-two:

We consider $N \equiv (|x|^4 + a|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$, where $(x, z) \in \mathbb{G}$ and $a \in (0, \infty)$.

J. Inglis (2010)

Heisenberg-type group

$d\mu = \frac{e^{-N^p}}{Z} d\lambda$

$N = (|x|^4 + 16|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

No U-Bound

Our Setting

Step-two Carnot groups

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Theorem (EBD and B. Zegarliński, 2021)

Let $N = (|x|^4 + a|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ with $a \in (0, \infty)$ be as above and $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a differentiable increasing function such that $g''(N) \leq g'(N)^3 N^3$ on $\{N \geq 1\}$. Let $d\mu = \frac{e^{-g(N)}}{Z} d\lambda$ be a probability measure, and Z the normalization constant. Then, for all locally Lipschitz functions f ,

$$\int \frac{g'(N)}{N^2} |f|^q d\mu \leq C \int |\nabla f|^q d\mu + D \int |f|^q d\mu \quad (2)$$

holds outside the unit ball $\{N < 1\}$ with C and D positive constants and $q \geq 2$.

By Hebisch-Zegarliński **Theorem 1**, we choose $\mathcal{U}(N) = \frac{g'(N)}{N^2}$, to obtain q -Poincaré inequality.

Examples of Poincaré Inequality

Example (EBD and B. Zegarliński, 2021)

The Poincaré inequality for $q \geq 2$ holds for the measure

$d\mu = \frac{\exp(-\cosh(N^k))}{Z} d\lambda$, where λ is the Lebesgue measure, and $k \geq 1$ in the setting of the step-two Carnot group.

Example (J. Inglis, 2010)

The Poincaré inequality for $q \geq 2$ holds for the measure $d\mu = \frac{\exp(-N^k)}{Z} d\lambda$, where λ is the Lebesgue measure, and $k \geq 4$ in the setting of the step-two Carnot group.

Example (EBD and B. Zegarliński, 2021)

The Poincaré inequality for $q \geq 2$ holds for the measure

$d\mu = \frac{\exp(-N^k \log(N+1))}{Z} d\lambda$, where λ is the Lebesgue measure, and $k \geq 3$ in the setting of the step-two Carnot group.

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ϕ –Logarithmic Sobolev Inequality

Theorem (EBD and B. Zegarliński, 2021)

Let U be a locally Lipschitz function on \mathbb{R}^N which is bounded below such that $Z = \int e^{-U} d\lambda < \infty$, and $d\mu = \frac{e^{-U}}{Z} d\lambda$. Let $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a **non-negative, non-decreasing, concave function** such that $\phi(0) > 0$, and $\phi'(0) > 0$. Assume the following classical Sobolev inequality is satisfied:

$$\left(\int |f|^{q+\epsilon} d\lambda \right)^{\frac{q}{q+\epsilon}} \leq a \int |\nabla f|^q d\lambda + b \int |f|^q d\lambda$$

for some $a, b \in [0, \infty)$, and $\epsilon > 0$. Moreover, if for some $A, B \in [0, \infty)$, we have:

$$\mu(|f|^q(\phi(U) + |\nabla U|^q)) \leq A\mu|\nabla f|^q + B\mu|f|^q, \quad (3)$$

Then, there exist constants $C, D \in [0, \infty)$ such that:

$$\mu \left(|f|^q \phi \left(\left| \log \frac{|f|^q}{\mu|f|^q} \right| \right) \right) \leq C\mu|\nabla f|^q + D\mu|f|^q,$$

for all locally Lipschitz functions f .

Higher order LSI

Choose $\phi(x) = (1 + x)^\beta$, for $\beta \in (0, 1)$. Then, ϕ satisfies the conditions of the theorem above and we have:

$$\mu \left(|f|^q \left| \log \frac{|f|^q}{\mu|f|^q} \right|^\beta \right) \leq \mu \left(|f|^q \phi \left(\left| \log \frac{|f|^q}{\mu|f|^q} \right| \right) \right) \leq C\mu|\nabla f|^q + D\mu|f|^q.$$

Theorem (EBD, Y. Wang, and B. Zegarliński, 2022)

Given the following Logarithmic-Sobolev inequality

$$\int |f|^2 \left| \log \left(\frac{|f|^2}{\mu|f|^2} \right) \right|^\beta d\mu \leq C\mu|\nabla f|^2, \quad (4)$$

for $\beta \in (0, 1]$. Then, for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\int |f|^2 \left| \log \left(\frac{|f|^2}{\mu|f|^2} \right) \right|^{\beta m} d\mu \leq D \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^m \int |\nabla^\alpha f|^2 d\mu, \quad (5)$$

where $\nabla^\alpha f = (X_1^{\alpha_1} X_2^{\alpha_2} \dots X_n^{\alpha_n} f)$ such that $|\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i$, and $C, D \in (0, \infty)$.

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What is a polarizable Carnot group?

The Carnot group \mathbb{G} is said to be polarizable if N , where N^{2-Q} is the fundamental solution to the sub-Laplacian, is ∞ -harmonic in $\mathbb{G} \setminus \{0\}$, i.e. for $\nabla := (X_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$,

$$\Delta_{\infty} N := \frac{1}{2} \langle \nabla (|\nabla N|^2), \nabla N \rangle = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{G} \setminus \{0\}. \quad (6)$$

The concept of polarizable Carnot groups was first introduced by Z. Balogh and J. Tyson in 2002, where they used the ∞ -harmonicity of N to create a procedure to construct polar coordinates. Moreover, they showed in that the fundamental solution of the p -sub-Laplacian can be expressed as the fundamental solution N^{2-Q} of the sub-Laplacian, proved capacity formulas, and produced sharp constants for the Moser-Trudinger inequality.

Higher-Dimensional Anisotropic Heisenberg Group

For the time being, there is **no classification** of polarizable Carnot groups and the only examples till now are Euclidean spaces and Heisenberg-type groups. Consider the generators of the Lie algebra:

$$\begin{cases} X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 2ay \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \\ Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - 2ax \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \\ Z = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - 2w \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \\ W = \frac{\partial}{\partial w} - 2z \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \end{cases}$$

Heisenberg: $a = 1$.

Anisotropic Heisenberg: $a = \frac{1}{2}$.

Heisenberg

$$\mathbb{R}^{n+m}$$

- $N = (|x|^4 + 16|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$
- $|\nabla N|^2 = \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$
- $|\Delta N| = (Q - 1)|\nabla N|^2 = (n + 2m - 1) \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$
- $\frac{x}{|x|} \cdot \nabla N = \frac{|x|^3}{N^3}$

Step-2 Carnot

$$\mathbb{R}^{n+m}$$

- $N = (|x|^4 + a|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$
- **1)** $A \frac{|x|^2}{N^2} \leq |\nabla N|^2 \leq C \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$
- **2)** $|\Delta N| \leq B \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$
- **3)** $\frac{x}{|x|} \cdot \nabla N = \frac{|x|^3}{N^3}$
- $a, A, B, C \in (0, \infty)$

Anisotropic Heisenberg

$$\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$$

- $N = \frac{(B^2+t^2)^{\frac{1}{4n}}(AB+t^2+A\sqrt{B^2+t^2})^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{4n}}}{(B+\sqrt{B^2+t^2})^{\frac{1}{2}}}$
where
 $A = \frac{x_1^2}{2} + \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2, j \neq n+1}^{2n} x_j^2$
and
 $B = \frac{x_1^2}{4} + \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2, j \neq n+1}^{2n} x_j^2$
- $\frac{|x|^2}{2^{5+\frac{2}{n}}N^2} \leq |\nabla N|^2 \leq \frac{(2n+1)^2|x|^2}{8n^2N^2}$
- $|\Delta N| = (Q - 1)|\nabla N|^2 = (2n + 1) \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$
- $\frac{x}{|x|} \cdot \nabla N \geq -\frac{|x|^2}{4nN}$. Problem: this term could be negative, and so we need the dimension $n > 5$.

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Gibbs measures

So far, the passage to infinite dimensions in the setting of Nilpotent Lie groups required the condition $|\nabla N| \geq c$ outside the unit ball which is not true for homogeneous norms introduced.

For Kaplan norm in Heisenberg group: $N = (|x|^2 + 16|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$, and

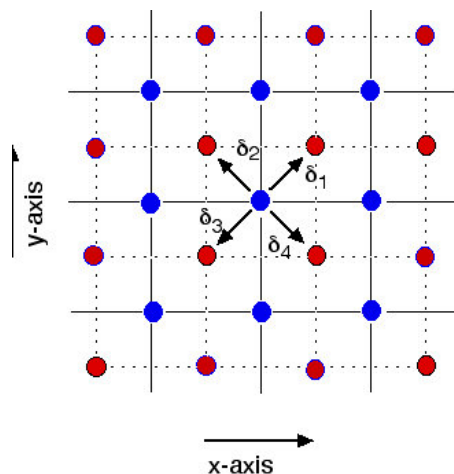
$$|\nabla N| = \frac{|x|}{N}.$$

Choose $|x| = 0$ and $|z|$ large.

Then, $|\nabla N|$ does not satisfy $|\nabla N| \geq c$ outside the unit ball

$\{N(x, z) < 1\}$.

Gibbs measures: Setup



We have a Carnot group \mathbb{G} , and we give it a d -dimensional integer lattice structure: $\mathbb{G}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$. For any compact $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{Z}$, denote the potential U_Λ^w by

$$U_\Lambda^w(x_\Lambda) := \sum_{i \in \Lambda} \phi(x_i) + \sum_{i, j \in \Lambda, i \sim j} \beta V(x_i, x_j) + \sum_{i \in \Lambda, j \notin \Lambda, i \sim j} \beta V(x_i, w_j),$$

where $\phi \in C^1(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{R})$ is the phase and $V \in C^1(\mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{R})$ is the interaction with strength $\beta \geq 0$.

Let $\mathbb{E}_\Lambda^w := \frac{1}{Z_\Lambda^w} e^{-U_\Lambda^w} dx_\Lambda$ be the local Gibbs measure and ν be the associated global measure

satisfying $\nu \mathbb{E}_\Lambda^w = \nu$ for all compact $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{Z}$. Denote $|\nabla_\Lambda f|^2 = \sum_{i \in \Lambda} |\nabla_i f|^2$ and $|\nabla f|^2 = |\nabla_{\mathbb{Z}} f|^2$.

Gibbs measures: Hypothesis

Consider the following two hypotheses:

(H1) For any $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, the (**U-bound** \rightarrow) weak U-Bound

$$\sum_{j:j \sim i} \nu(f^q |\nabla_j V(x_i, x_j)|^q) \leq A \left(\nu |\nabla_i f|^q + \nu |f|^q + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_\beta^m \nu |\nabla_{\{i-1-m, i+1+m\}} f|^q \right)$$

holds for some constants $A > 0$ and $C_\beta \in [0, 1)$ such that $A\beta$ and C_β vanish as $\beta \rightarrow 0$.

(H2) For any $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, the weak q-Poincaré inequality

$$\nu \mathbb{E}_i^w |f - \mathbb{E}_i^w f|^q \leq B_{SG} \left(\nu |\nabla_i f|^q + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_\beta^m \nu |\nabla_{\{i-1-m, i+1+m\}} f|^q \right)$$

holds for some constants $B_{SG} > 0$ and the same $C_\beta \in [0, 1)$ such that $A\beta$ and $B_{SG}\beta \rightarrow 0$ as $\beta \rightarrow 0$.

Gibbs measures: Theorem

Theorem (EBD, Y. Qiu, B. Zegarliński, and M. Zhang, 2022)

Suppose **(H1)** and **(H2)** are satisfied, then there exists $\tilde{\beta} > 0$ such that for all $\beta \in [0, \tilde{\beta})$ the global Poincaré inequality

$$\nu|f - \nu f|^q \leq c_{SG} \nu|\nabla f|^q$$

holds for some constant $c_{SG} > 0$.

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Proof idea of U-Bound Inequality

Theorem (EBD and B. Zegarliński, 2021)

Let $N = (|x|^4 + a|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ with $a \in (0, \infty)$ be as above and $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a differentiable increasing function such that $g''(N) \leq g'(N)^3 N^3$ on $\{N \geq 1\}$. Let $d\mu = \frac{e^{-g(N)}}{Z} d\lambda$ be a probability measure, and Z the normalization constant. Then, for all locally Lipschitz functions f ,

$$\int \frac{g'(N)}{N^2} |f|^q d\mu \leq C \int |\nabla f|^q d\mu + D \int |f|^q d\mu \quad (7)$$

holds outside the unit ball $\{N < 1\}$ with C and D positive constants and $q \geq 2$.

Here, $\mathcal{U} = \frac{g'(N)}{N^2}$. First Question: **How to choose \mathcal{U} ?**

We need a technical lemma first:

Heisenberg

$$\mathbb{R}^{n+m}$$

- $N = (|x|^4 + 16|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$
- $|\nabla N|^2 = \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$
- $|\Delta N| = (Q - 1)|\nabla N|^2 = (n + 2m - 1) \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$
- $\frac{x}{|x|} \cdot \nabla N = \frac{|x|^3}{N^3}$

Step-2 Carnot

$$\mathbb{R}^{n+m}$$

- $N = (|x|^4 + a|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$
- **1)** $A \frac{|x|^2}{N^2} \leq |\nabla N|^2 \leq C \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$
- **2)** $|\Delta N| \leq B \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$
- **3)** $\frac{x}{|x|} \cdot \nabla N = \frac{|x|^3}{N^3}$
- $a, A, B, C \in (0, \infty)$

Anisotropic Heisenberg

$$\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$$

$$N = \frac{(B^2 + t^2)^{\frac{1}{4n}} (AB + t^2 + A\sqrt{B^2 + t^2})^{\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4n}}}{(B + \sqrt{B^2 + t^2})^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

where

$$A = \frac{x_1^2}{2} + \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2, j \neq n+1}^{2n} x_j^2$$

and

$$B = \frac{x_1^2}{4} + \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2, j \neq n+1}^{2n} x_j^2$$

- $\frac{|x|^2}{2^{5+\frac{2}{n}N^2}} \leq |\nabla N|^2 \leq \frac{(2n+1)^2 |x|^2}{8n^2 N^2}$
- $|\Delta N| = (Q - 1)|\nabla N|^2 = (2n + 1) \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$
- $\frac{x}{|x|} \cdot \nabla N \geq -\frac{|x|^2}{4nN}$. Problem: this term could be negative, and so we need the dimension $n > 5$.

How to choose \mathcal{U} ?

For $q = 2$, using integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned}\int (\nabla N) \cdot (\nabla f) e^{-g(N)} d\lambda &= - \int \nabla \left(\nabla N e^{-g(N)} \right) f d\lambda \\ &= - \int \Delta N f e^{-g(N)} d\lambda + \int |\nabla N|^2 f g'(N) e^{-g(N)} d\lambda.\end{aligned}$$

Next, using 1) and 2),

$$A \int \frac{|x|^2}{N^2} f g'(N) e^{-g(N)} d\lambda - B \int \frac{|x|^2}{N^3} f e^{-g(N)} d\lambda \leq \int (\nabla N) \cdot (\nabla f) e^{-g(N)} d\lambda.$$

First candidate for $\mathcal{U} = \frac{|x|^2}{N^2} g'(N)$. We need $\mathcal{U} \rightarrow \infty$ “in all directions” to apply Hebisch-Zegarlinski Theorem 1 (2009). Recall that $N = (|x|^2 + a|z|^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$. For $|x| = 0$, we can have $|z|^2 \rightarrow \infty$, but $\mathcal{U} = 0$. So, the problem is around the z -axis.

Idea: Replace f by $\frac{f^2}{|x|^2}$:

Now we have the good candidate $\mathcal{U} = \frac{g'(N)}{N^2}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int f^2 \left(\frac{Ag'(N)}{N^2} - \frac{B}{N^3} \right) e^{-g(N)} d\lambda &\leq \int (\nabla N) \cdot \left(\nabla \left(\frac{f^2}{|x|^2} \right) \right) e^{-g(N)} d\lambda \\ &= \int (\nabla N) \cdot \left[2f \frac{\nabla f}{|x|^2} - \frac{2f^2 \nabla |x|}{|x|^3} \right] e^{-g(N)} d\lambda \\ &= \int \frac{2f}{|x|^2} \nabla N \cdot \nabla f e^{-g(N)} d\lambda - 2 \int f^2 \frac{\nabla N \cdot x}{|x|^4} e^{-g(N)} d\lambda \\ &\leq 2 \int \frac{f}{|x|^2} |\nabla N| |\nabla f| e^{-g(N)} d\lambda \quad \text{See Technical Lemma} \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{C} \int \frac{|f|}{N|x|} |\nabla f| e^{-g(N)} d\lambda. \quad \text{Heisenberg: } \nabla N \cdot x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Where the last two inequalities use the calculation of $\nabla N \cdot x$, from 3) and the upper bound on $|\nabla N|$ from 1).

Trial 1: Use Hardy's Inequality

Applying Cauchy's inequality with $\epsilon : ab \leq \frac{\epsilon a^2}{2} + \frac{b^2}{2\epsilon}$ with $a = \frac{|f|}{N|x|} e^{-\frac{g(N)}{2}}$ and

$$b = \sqrt{C} |\nabla f| e^{-\frac{g(N)}{2}},$$

Bad term

Good term

$$\int f^2 \left(A \frac{g'(N)}{N^2} - \frac{B}{N^3} \right) e^{-g(N)} d\lambda \leq \epsilon \int \frac{|f|^2}{N^2 |x|^2} e^{-g(N)} d\lambda + \frac{C}{\epsilon} \int |\nabla f|^2 e^{-g(N)} d\lambda.$$

For $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+m})$, we want to use Hardy's inequality:

$$\int \frac{f^2}{|x|^2} d\lambda \leq \frac{4}{(n-2)^2} \int |\nabla f|^2 d\lambda.$$

The **bad** term becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon \int \frac{\left(\frac{f e^{-\frac{g(N)}{2}}}{N} \right)^2}{|x|^2} d\lambda &\leq \frac{4\epsilon}{(n-2)^2} \int \left| \nabla \frac{f e^{-\frac{g(N)}{2}}}{N} \right|^2 d\lambda \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{(n-2)^2} \int \frac{f^2 g'(N)^2}{N^2} |\nabla N|^2 d\mu + \text{other terms}. \end{aligned}$$

This last term cannot be absorbed in the left-hand side of our U -Bound inequality, and Trial 1 fails.

Trial 2: Use Hardy's Inequality with

$$(B_R \times B_1)$$

Using Hardy's inequality on the **bad** term:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon \int \frac{|f|^2}{N^2|x|^2} e^{-g(N)} d\lambda &= \epsilon \int_{B_R \times B_1} \frac{|f|^2}{N^2|x|^2} e^{-g(N)} d\lambda + \epsilon \int_{(B_R \times B_1)^c} \frac{|f|^2}{N^2|x|^2} e^{-g(N)} d\lambda \\ &\leq \epsilon \int_{B_R \times B_1} \frac{|f|^2}{|x|^2} d\lambda + I_2 \\ &\leq \frac{4\epsilon}{(n-2)^2} \int_{B_R \times B_1} |\nabla f|^2 d\lambda + I_2 \\ &\leq \frac{4\epsilon C}{(n-2)^2} \int_{B_R \times B_1} |\nabla f|^2 d\mu + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Where the last line is true since we can bound $e^{-g(N)}$ from below on $B_R \times B_1$.

Regarding the complement:

$$(B_R \times B_1)^c = B_R^c \times B_1^c \cup B_R^c \times B_1 \cup B_R \times B_1^c.$$

On $B_R^c \times B_1^c$ and $B_R^c \times B_1$, we have $\frac{1}{|x|^2} \leq \frac{1}{R^2}$, so we avoid the singularity. However, on $B_R \times B_1^c$, we face the same problem as Trial 1.

Trial 3: Introduce $F = \{(x, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+m} : |x| \sqrt{g'(N)} < 1\}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int f^2 \left(\frac{Ag'(N)}{N^2} - \frac{B}{N^3} \right) e^{-g(N)} d\lambda \\ & \leq \epsilon \int \frac{|f|^2}{N^2|x|^2} e^{-g(N)} d\lambda + \frac{C}{\epsilon} \int |\nabla f|^2 e^{-g(N)} d\lambda \\ & = \epsilon \int_F \frac{|f|^2}{N^2|x|^2} e^{-g(N)} d\lambda + \epsilon \int_{F^c} \frac{|f|^2}{N^2|x|^2} e^{-g(N)} d\lambda + GT \\ & \leq \epsilon \int_F \frac{|fe^{-\frac{g(N)}{2}}|^2}{N^2|x|^2} d\lambda + \epsilon \int \frac{g'(N)|f|^2}{N^2} e^{-g(N)} d\lambda + GT. \end{aligned}$$

Final trial: Hardy's inequality on $F_r = \{(x, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+m} : |x|\sqrt{g'(N)} < r\}$, where $1 \leq r \leq 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \epsilon \int_{F_r} \frac{|fe^{\frac{-g(N)}{2}}|^2}{N^2|x|^2} d\lambda = \frac{\epsilon}{n-2} \int_{F_r} \frac{|fe^{\frac{-g(N)}{2}}|^2}{N^2} \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{x}{|x|^2} \right) d\lambda \\
 & = -\frac{2\epsilon}{n-2} \int_{F_r} \frac{fe^{\frac{-g(N)}{2}}}{N} \nabla \left(\frac{fe^{\frac{-g(N)}{2}}}{N} \right) \cdot \frac{x}{|x|^2} d\lambda + \text{boundary term} \\
 & \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \int_{F_r} \frac{|fe^{\frac{-g(N)}{2}}|^2}{N^2|x|^2} d\lambda + \frac{2\epsilon}{(n-2)^2} \int_{F_r} \left| \nabla \left(\frac{fe^{\frac{-g(N)}{2}}}{N} \right) \right|^2 d\lambda + \text{boundary term}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Where we have used Integration by parts in the first line, Cauchy's inequality in the last line, and $\text{boundary term} = \frac{\epsilon}{n-2} \int_{\partial F_r} \frac{f^2 e^{-g(N)}}{N^2|x|^2} \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \langle X_j I, \nabla_{\text{euc}} (|x|\sqrt{g'(N)}) \rangle \frac{dH^{n+m-1}}{|\nabla_{\text{euc}} (|x|\sqrt{g'(N)})|}$. So,

$$\epsilon \int_{F_r} \frac{|fe^{\frac{-g(N)}{2}}|^2}{N^2|x|^2} d\lambda \leq \frac{4\epsilon}{(n-2)^2} \int_{F_r} \left| \nabla \left(\frac{fe^{\frac{-g(N)}{2}}}{N} \right) \right|^2 d\lambda + \text{boundary term}.$$

Using the fact that $F \subset F_r \subset F_2$,

$$\epsilon \int_F \frac{|fe^{\frac{-g(N)}{2}}|^2}{N^2|x|^2} d\lambda \leq \frac{4\epsilon}{(n-2)^2} \int_{F_2} \left| \nabla \left(\frac{fe^{\frac{-g(N)}{2}}}{N} \right) \right|^2 d\lambda + \text{boundary term}.$$

Recover the full measure using the Coarea formula

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon \int_{\mathbf{1}}^2 \int_F \frac{|fe^{-\frac{g(N)}{2}}|^2}{N^2|x|^2} d\lambda dr &\leq \frac{4\epsilon}{(n-2)^2} \int_{\mathbf{1}}^2 \int_{F_2} \left| \nabla \left(\frac{fe^{-\frac{g(N)}{2}}}{N} \right) \right|^2 d\lambda dr \\ + \frac{2\epsilon}{n-2} \int_{\mathbf{1}}^2 \int_{\partial F_r} \frac{f^2 e^{-g(N)}}{N^2|x|^2} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{x_j \langle X_j l, \nabla_{euc} (|x| \sqrt{g'(N)}) \rangle}{\left| \nabla_{euc} (|x| \sqrt{g'(N)}) \right|} dH^{n+m-1} dr \end{aligned}$$

To recover the full measure in the boundary term, we use the Coarea formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon \int_F \frac{|fe^{-\frac{g(N)}{2}}|^2}{N^2|x|^2} d\lambda &\leq \frac{4\epsilon}{(n-2)^2} \int_{F_2} \left| \nabla \left(\frac{fe^{-\frac{g(N)}{2}}}{N} \right) \right|^2 d\lambda \\ + \frac{2\epsilon}{n-2} \int_{\{1 < |x| \sqrt{g'(N)} < 2\}} \frac{f^2 e^{-g(N)}}{N^2|x|^2} \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \langle X_j l, \nabla_{euc} (|x| \sqrt{g'(N)}) \rangle d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

The remainder of the proof is to use the condition of the theorem, the technical lemma, the domain of integrations, and the given fields X_j , to find a suitable ϵ , which turns out to be

satisfying $\left(\frac{10\epsilon}{n-2} + \epsilon \right) < A$. (Recall: $\mathbf{1}$) $A \frac{|x|^2}{N^2} \leq |\nabla N|^2 \leq C \frac{|x|^2}{N^2}$.)

Thanks for your attention!