

Concentration of measure phenomenon
and eigenvalues of Laplacian

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0. Introduction

Purpose.

Concentration of
measure
(cf. Lévy and Milman)



Eigenvalues of
Laplacian

1. Concentration of measure

$X = (X, d_X, \mu_X)$: an **mm-space**

(a **m**etric **m**asure space)

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} (X, d_X)$: a cplt. sep. met. sp.,

μ_X : a Borel prob. meas. on X

Example.

M : a closed Riem. mfd.

d_M : the Riem. dist.

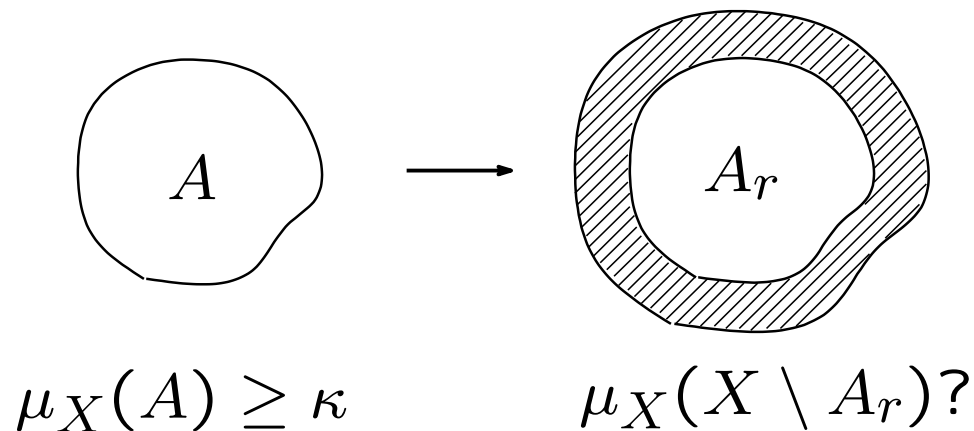
$\mu_M := \text{vol}(\cdot) / \text{vol}(M)$

Concentration of measure

For $\forall r, \kappa > 0$, estimate

$$\alpha_X(r; \kappa) := \sup\{\mu_X(X \setminus A_r) \mid A \subseteq X : \mu_X(A) \geq \kappa\}$$

from above, where A_r : the r -nbd. of A .



$\{X_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$: mm-sps.

$\{X_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ **is a Lévy family (cf. Gromov-V. Milman).**

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{X_n}(r; 1/2) = 0$ for $\forall r > 0$.

$\iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{X_n}(r; \kappa) = 0$ for $\forall r > 0 \ \forall \kappa > 0$.

($\alpha_X(r; \kappa) = \sup\{\mu_X(X \setminus A_r) \mid A \subseteq X : \mu_X(A) \geq \kappa\}$)

$\iff \forall r, \kappa > 0 \ \forall A_n \subseteq X_n : \mu_{X_n}(A_n) \geq \kappa,$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{X_n}((A_n)_r) = 1.$

M : a closed Riem. mfd.

Eigenvalues of Δ_M : $0 < \lambda_1(M) \leq \lambda_2(M) \leq \dots$.

Theorem (Gromov-V. Milman, 83').

M : a closed Riem. mfd.

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_M(r; 1/2) \leq 2 \exp(-\sqrt{\lambda_1(M)}r/3).$$

" $\lambda_1(M_n) \rightarrow +\infty \Rightarrow M_n$ **form a Lévy family**"

e.g.,

$$\{\mathbb{S}^n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \{\mathbb{R}P^n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \{SO(n)\}_{n=1}^\infty \dots$$

Theorem (E.Milman, '08-'09).

M : a closed Riem. mfd. s.t. $Ric_M \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow \exists C, \varepsilon_0 > 0$: univ. consts. s.t.

$$\alpha_M(r; 1/2) < \varepsilon_0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1(M) \geq Cr^{-2}.$$

The proof relies on a consequence of Geometric measure theory and Riemannian geometry (concavity of isoperimetric profile under $Ric \geq 0$).

Corollary (Gromov-V. Milman, E. Milman).

M_n : closed Riem. mfd. s.t. $Ric_{M_n} \geq 0$.

Then, the following conditions (1) and (2) are equiv.

(1) $\{M_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a Lévy family.

(2) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_1(M_n) = +\infty$.

2. Main theorem

Theorem.

$k \in \mathbb{N}$,

M_n : closed Riem. mfd. s.t.

$\text{Ric}_{M_n} \geq 0$ and $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Diam } M_n < +\infty$.

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k(M_n) = +\infty$, then $\{M_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a Lévy family.

Corollary.

M_n : closed Riem. mfd. s.t.

$\text{Ric}_{M_n} \geq 0$ and $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Diam } M_n < +\infty$.

Then, the following conditions (1),(2),(3) are equiv.

(1) $\{M_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a Lévy family.

(2) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k(M_n) = +\infty$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

(3) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k(M_n) = +\infty$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Observation

“ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k(M_n) = +\infty \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_1(M_n) = +\infty$ ”

Theorem.

M : a closed Riem. mfd. s.t. $Ric_M \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_2(M) \leq C\lambda_1(M)\{\log(1 + \lambda_1(M))\}^2,$$

where $C > 0$ depends only on $\text{Diam } M$.

Proposition. If we can remove $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Diam } M_n < +\infty$ in Main Thm., then we have the following:

M : a closed Riem. mfd. s.t. $\text{Ric}_M \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_k(M) \leq C_k \lambda_1(M),$$

where $C_k > 0$ depends only on $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

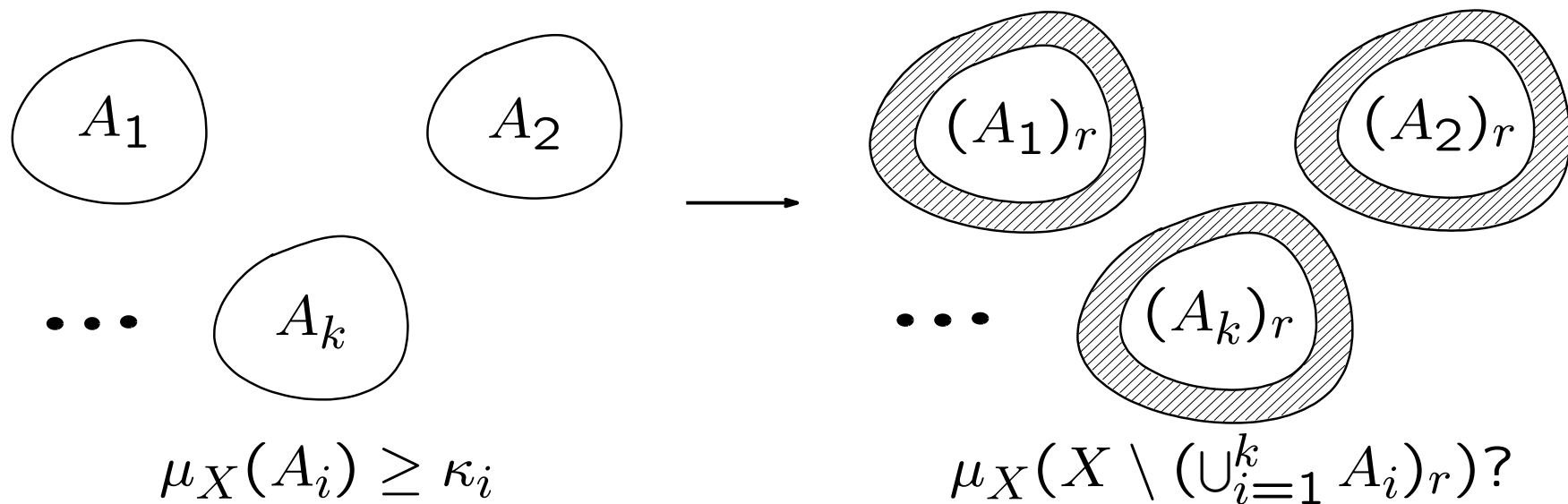
3. Generalization

Concentration around k -sets

For $\forall r, \kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_k > 0$, estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_X(r; \kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_k) \\ &:= \sup \left\{ \mu_X \left(X \setminus \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i \right)_r \right) \mid A_i \subseteq X : \mu_X(A_i) \geq \kappa_i \right. \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left. d_X(A_i, A_j) \geq r \ (i \neq j) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

from above.



$\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$: mm-sps. $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

$\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ **concentrates around k -sets.**

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \forall r, \kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_k > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{X_n}(r; \kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_k) = 0.$

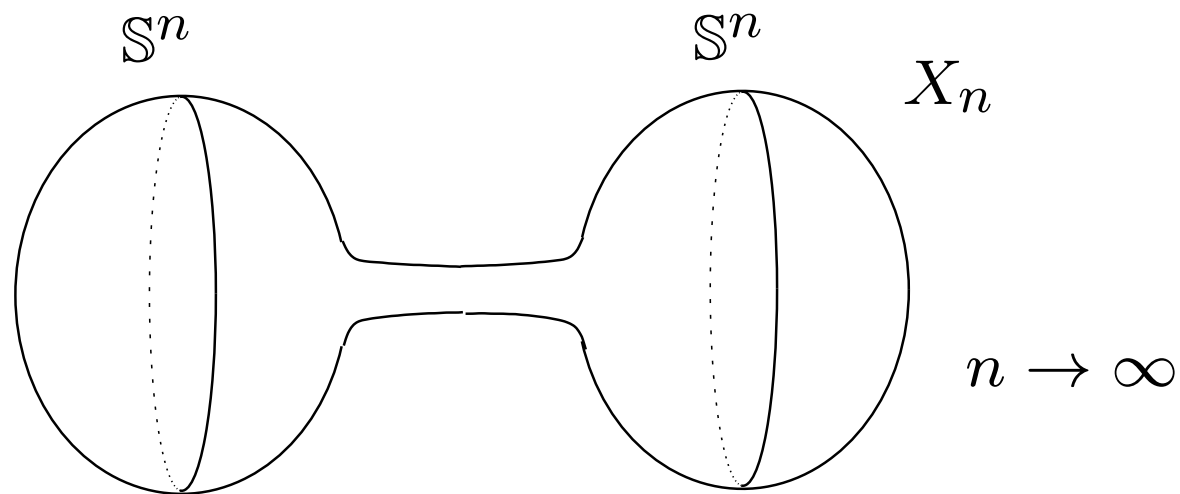
Easy observation

Concentration of measure ($k = 1$)

\Rightarrow Concentration around k -sets

“No converse!”

Example. ($k = 2$)



Theorem (Chung-Grigor'yan-Yau, '97).

$k \in \mathbb{N}$, M : a closed Riem. mfd.

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_M(r; \underbrace{\kappa, \dots, \kappa}_k) \leq \kappa^{-1} e^{1/2} \cdot \exp(-2^{-1} \sqrt{\lambda_k(M)} r)$$

for $\forall r, \kappa > 0$.

Based on the eigenfunctions expansion of the heat kernel.

Corollary (Chung-Grigor'yan-Yau).

$k \in \mathbb{N}$,

M_n : closed Riem. mfd. s.t.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k(M_n) = +\infty.$$

$\Rightarrow M_n$ conc. around k -sets.

Remark . The above corollary is also mentioned by Gromov in his Green book.

3. Proof of the main thm.

Key Theorem.

$k \in \mathbb{N}$,

X_n : mm-sps. s.t.

$\text{BM}(0, \infty)$ ($\Leftarrow Ric \geq 0$) and $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Diam } X_n < +\infty$.

Then, the following conditions (1) and (2) are equiv.

(1) $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a Lévy family.

(2) $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ conc. around k -sets.

Idea of the proof of the key thm.

“Convergence of mm-sps. \Rightarrow Conc. of meas.”.

We use the dist. $\mathbb{D}_{conc.}(X, Y)$ between mm-sps. introduced by Gromov.

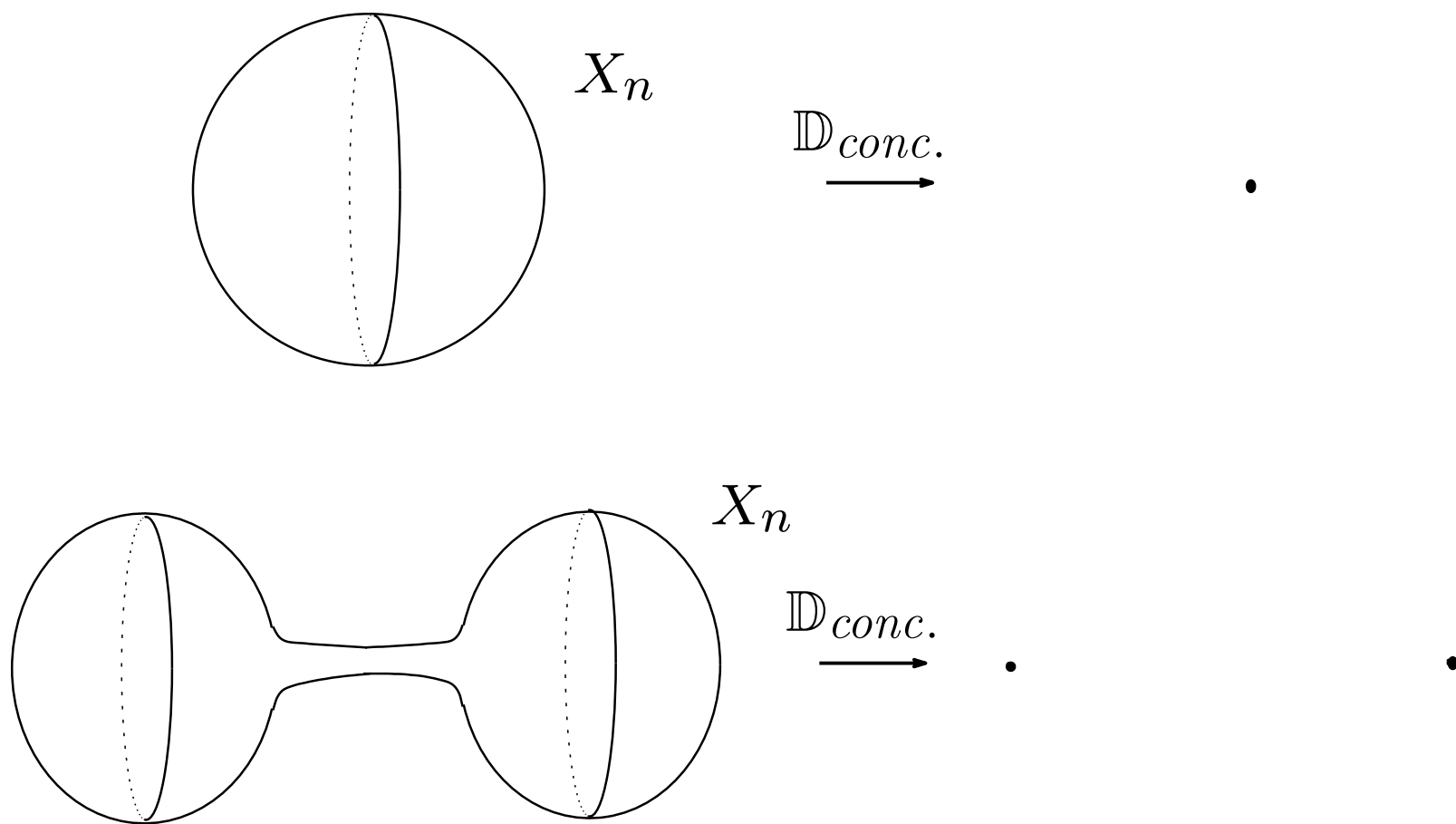
(1) $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a Lévy family. $\iff X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{D}_{conc.}} \{*\}$.

(2) Under the diam. assump., Conc. around k -sets

\Rightarrow Conv. to a finite sp. X w.r.t. $\mathbb{D}_{conc.}$ s.t. $\#X \leq k$

(cf. Gromov).

(3) Under $\text{BM}(0, \infty)$ and the diam. assump., we prove the connectivity of the limit sp.



- Question .** 1. Can we remove $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Diam } M_n < +\infty$ in Main Thm.?
2. How about the case for graphs ? (cf. Alon-V. Milman)
3. Can $\mathbb{D}_{conc.}$ capture the asymp. behavior of λ_k ?

Theorem (Fukaya, Cheeger-Colding).

M, M_n : closed Riem. mfd. s.t. $M_n \xrightarrow{\text{mGH}} M$,

$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \dim M_n < +\infty$, and $\text{Ric}_{M_n} \geq K \in \mathbb{R}$.

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k(M_n) = \lambda_k(M)$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Remark.

1. mGH topology $>$ topology determined by $\mathbb{D}_{conc.}$.

2. Under $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \dim M_n < +\infty$ and $\text{Ric}_{M_n} \geq K \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$M_n \xrightarrow{\text{mGH}} M \iff M_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{D}_{conc.}} M$$