

Modified logarithmic Sobolev inequalities in null curvature

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Abstract

We present a new logarithmic Sobolev inequality adapted to a log-concave measure on \mathbb{R} between the exponential and the Gaussian measure. More precisely, assume that Φ is a symmetric convex function on \mathbb{R} satisfying $(1+\varepsilon)\Phi(x) \leq x\Phi'(x) \leq (2-\varepsilon)\Phi(x)$ for $x \geq 0$ large enough and with $\varepsilon \in]0, 1/2]$. We prove that the probability measure on \mathbb{R} $\mu_\Phi(dx) = e^{-\Phi(x)}/Z_\Phi dx$ satisfies a modified and adapted logarithmic Sobolev inequality: there exist three constants $A, B, C > 0$ such that for all smooth functions $f > 0$,

$$\mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \leq A \int H_\Phi\left(\frac{f'}{f}\right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

with

$$H_\Phi(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } |x| < C, \\ \Phi^*(Bx) & \text{if } |x| \geq C, \end{cases}$$

where Φ^* is the Legendre-Fenchel transform of Φ .

1. Introduction

A probability measure μ on \mathbb{R}^n satisfies a logarithmic Sobolev inequality if there exists $C \geq 0$ such that, for every smooth enough functions f on \mathbb{R}^n ,

$$(1.1) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_\mu(f^2) \leq C \int |\nabla f|^2 d\mu,$$

where

$$\mathbf{Ent}_\mu(f^2) := \int f^2 \log f^2 d\mu - \int f^2 d\mu \log \int f^2 d\mu$$

and where $|\nabla f|$ is the Euclidean length of the gradient ∇f of f .

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Gross in [9] defines this inequality and shows that the canonical Gaussian measure with density $(2\pi)^{-n/2}e^{-|x|^2/2}$ with respect to the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^n is the basic example of measure μ satisfying (1.1) with the optimal constant $C = 2$. Since then, many results have presented measures satisfying such an inequality, among them the famous Bakry-Émery \mathbf{I}_2 -criterion, that we recall now in our particular case. Let Φ a C^2 function on \mathbb{R}^n and note $\mu_\Phi(dx) = \exp(-\Phi(x))/Z_\Phi dx$, Z_Φ being the normalization constant so that μ_Φ is a probability measure on \mathbb{R}^n . Assume that there exists $\lambda > 0$ such that

$$(1.2) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \text{Hess}(\Phi(x)) \geq \lambda \text{Id},$$

in the sense of symmetric matrix. Then Bakry and Émery proved that μ is satisfying inequality (1.1) with an optimal constant $C \in [0, 2/\lambda]$. We refer to [3, 2] for the \mathbf{I}_2 -criterion and to [1, 10] for a review on logarithmic Sobolev inequality.

The interest of this paper is to give a logarithmic Sobolev inequality when the probability measure μ_Φ on \mathbb{R} defined before does not satisfy (1.2) but $\Phi''(x) \geq 0$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. A first answer is given for the following particular measure: let $\alpha \geq 1$ and define the probability measure μ_α on \mathbb{R} by

$$(1.3) \quad \mu_\alpha(dx) = \frac{1}{Z_\alpha} e^{-|x|^\alpha} dx,$$

where $Z_\alpha = \int e^{-|x|^\alpha} dx$.

The authors prove, in [8], that for $1 < \alpha < 2$, the measure μ_α satisfies the following inequalities, for all smooth functions such that $f \geq 0$ and $\int f^2 d\mu_\alpha = 1$,

$$(1.4) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\alpha}(f^2) \leq A \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\alpha}(f) + B \int_{f \geq 2} \left| \frac{f'}{f} \right|^\beta f^2 d\mu_\alpha,$$

where A and B are some constants, $\alpha^{-1} + \beta^{-1} = 1$ and

$$\mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\alpha}(f) := \int f^2 d\mu_\alpha - \left(\int f d\mu_\alpha \right)^2.$$

It is well-known that the probability measure μ_α satisfies (still for $\alpha \geq 1$) a Poincaré inequality (or spectral gap inequality), i.e. for every smooth enough function f ,

$$(1.5) \quad \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\alpha}(f) \leq C \int |\nabla f|^2 d\mu_\alpha,$$

where $0 < C < \infty$.

Then using (1.5) and (1.4) we get that μ_α satisfies also this modified logarithmic Sobolev inequality for all smooth and positive function f ,

$$(1.6) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_\mu(f^2) \leq C \int H_{a,\alpha} \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right) f^2 d\mu,$$

here and in the whole paper the convention that $0 \cdot \infty = 0$ is assumed, otherwise stated where a and C are positive constants and

$$H_{a,\alpha}(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } |x| < a, \\ |x|^\beta & \text{if } |x| \geq a, \end{cases}$$

with $1/\alpha + 1/\beta = 1$. This version of logarithmic Sobolev inequality admits a n dimensional version, for all smooth function f on \mathbb{R}^n ,

$$(1.7) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\alpha^{\otimes n}}(f^2) \leq C \int H_{a,\alpha} \left(\frac{\nabla f}{f} \right) f^2 d\mu_\alpha^{\otimes n},$$

where by definition we have taken

$$(1.8) \quad H_{a,\alpha} \left(\frac{\nabla f}{f} \right) := \sum_{i=1}^n H_{a,\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial_i f}{f} \right).$$

Note that Bobkov and Ledoux gave in [7] a corresponding result for the critical (exponential) case, when $\alpha = 1$.

Our main purpose here will be to establish the generalization of inequalities (1.4), (1.6) and (1.7) when the measure on \mathbb{R} is only a log-concave measure between $e^{-|x|}$ and e^{-x^2} . More precisely, let Φ be a function on \mathbb{R} , we say that Φ satisfies the property **(H)** if this two properties are satisfied:

- Φ is a \mathcal{C}^2 , symmetric and strictly convex on \mathbb{R} .
- There exists $M > 0$ and $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1/2$ such that $\Phi(M) > 0$ and

$$\forall x \geq M, \quad (1 + \varepsilon)\Phi(x) \leq x\Phi'(x) \leq (2 - \varepsilon)\Phi(x).$$

We assume along the article that the function Φ on \mathbb{R} verifies hypothesis **(H)**.

Remark 1.1 *The assumption **(H)** implies that there exists $m_1, m_2 > 0$ such that*

$$\forall x \geq M, \quad m_1 x^{1/(1-\varepsilon)} \leq \Phi(x) \leq m_2 x^{2-\varepsilon}.$$

*This remark explains why, under the hypothesis **(H)**, the function Φ lies between $e^{-|x|}$ and e^{-x^2} .*

Due to Remark 1.1, $\int e^{-\Phi(x)} dx < \infty$. Then we define the probability measure μ_Φ on \mathbb{R} by

$$\mu_\Phi(dx) = \frac{1}{Z_\Phi} e^{-\Phi(x)} dx,$$

where $Z_\Phi = \int e^{-\Phi(x)} dx$.

The main result of this article is the following theorem:

Theorem 1.2 *Assume (H) then there exist constants $A, A', B, D \geq 0$ and $\kappa > 0$ such that for any smooth functions $f \geq 0$ satisfying $\int f^2 d\mu_\Phi = 1$ we have*

$$(1.9) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \leq A \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\Phi}(f) + A' \int_{f^2 \geq \kappa} H_\Phi \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

where

$$(1.10) \quad H_\Phi(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } |x| < D, \\ \Phi^*(Bx) & \text{if } |x| \geq D, \end{cases}$$

where Φ^* is the Legendre-Fenchel transform of the function Φ , $\Phi^*(x) := \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \{x \cdot y - \Phi(y)\}$.

It is well known that the measure μ_Φ satisfies a Poincaré inequality (inequality (1.5) for the measure μ_Φ , see for example Chapter 6 of [1]). Then we obtain the following corollary:

Corollary 1.3 *Let Φ satisfying the property (H) then there exists $A, B, D \geq 0$ such that for any smooth functions $f > 0$ we have*

$$(1.11) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \leq A \int H_\Phi \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

where H_Φ is defined on (1.10).

In [8] we investigate some particular example, where we have $\Phi(x) = |x|^\alpha \log^\beta |x|$, for $\alpha \in]1, 2[$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$. Theorem 1.2 gives the result in the general case.

Definition 1.4 *Let μ a probability measure on \mathbb{R}^n . μ satisfies a Modified Logarithmic Sobolev Inequality (MLSI) of function H_Φ (defined on (1.10)) if there exists $A \geq 0$ such that for any smooth functions $f > 0$ we have*

$$(MLSI) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \leq A \int H_\Phi \left(\frac{\nabla f}{f} \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

where

$$H_\Phi \left(\frac{\nabla f}{f} \right) := \sum_{i=1}^n H_\Phi \left(\frac{\partial_i f}{f} \right).$$

The MLSI of function H_Φ is the n -dimensional version of inequality (1.11).

In Section 2 we will give the proof of Theorem 1.2. The proof is done in two steps, Proposition 2.4 and 2.9. In Subsection 2.1, we will describe the case where the entropy is large and in Subsection 2.2 we will study the other case, when the entropy is small. This two cases exhibit very different behavior as we will see in the next sections but they are connected via the common use of Hardy’s inequality we recall now.

Let μ, ν be Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^+ . Then the best constant A so that every smooth functions f satisfy

$$(1.12) \quad \int_0^\infty (f(x) - f(0))^2 d\mu(x) \leq A \int_0^\infty f'^2 d\nu$$

is finite if and only if

$$(1.13) \quad B = \sup_{x>0} \left\{ \mu([x, \infty[) \int_0^x \left(\frac{d\nu^{ac}}{dt} \right)^{-1} dt \right\}$$

is finite, where ν^{ac} is the absolutely continuous part of ν with respect to μ . Moreover, we have (even if A or B is infinite),

$$B \leq A \leq 4B.$$

We refer to [12] or [6, 1] for a review in this domain.

In Section 3 we will explain some classical properties of this particular logarithmic Sobolev inequality. We explain briefly how, as in the classical logarithmic Sobolev inequality of Gross,

- the *MLSI* of function H_Φ satisfies the tensorization and the perturbation properties,
- the *MLSI* of function H_Φ implies also Poincaré inequality.

The last application is the concentration property for probability measure satisfying inequality (1.11). Indeed, we obtain Hoeffding’s type inequality: assume that a measure μ on \mathbb{R} satisfies inequality (1.11) and let f be a Lipschitz function on \mathbb{R} with $\|f\|_{Lip} \leq 1$, then, for some constants $A, B, D \geq 0$ independent of the dimension n ,

$$(1.14) \quad \mathbb{P} \left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n f(X_k) - \mu(f) \right| > \lambda \right) \leq \begin{cases} 2 \exp(-nA\Phi(B\lambda)) & \text{if } \lambda \geq D, \\ 2 \exp(-nA\lambda^2) & \text{if } 0 \leq \lambda \leq D, \end{cases}$$

or equivalently,

$$(1.15) \quad \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\left|\sum_{k=1}^n f(X_k) - \mu(f)\right| > \lambda\right) \leq \begin{cases} 2 \exp\left(-nA\Phi\left(B\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right) & \text{if } \lambda \geq D\sqrt{n}, \\ 2 \exp(-A\lambda^2) & \text{if } 0 \leq \lambda \leq D\sqrt{n}. \end{cases}$$

Inequality (1.15) is interesting as for large enough n we find the Gaussian concentration, this is natural due to the convergence of

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\left(\sum_{k=1}^n f(X_k) - \mu(f)\right)$$

to the Gaussian distribution. This result is not a new one, Talagrand explains it in [13], see also [11] for a large review on this topic, the interest of this part is to observe this phenomenon via Logarithmic Sobolev inequality. Note also that it implies control of Laplace functionals which have applications for example in statistics.

Note finally that Barthe, Cattiaux and Roberto [4] have studied the same sort of log-concave measure, they prove functional inequalities with an other point of view, namely Beckner type inequalities or Φ -Sobolev inequalities, in particular one of their results is concentration inequalities for the same measure μ_Φ .

2. Proof of the Modified logarithmic Sobolev inequality (Theorem 1.2)

Let us first give a lemma stating classical properties satisfied by the function Φ under **(H)**.

Lemma 2.1 *Assume that Φ satisfies assumption **(H)** then there exists $C \geq 0$ such that for large enough $x \geq 0$,*

$$(2.1) \quad x^2 \leq C\Phi^*(x),$$

$$(2.2) \quad \varepsilon\Phi(\Phi'^{-1}(x)) \leq \Phi^*(x) \leq (1 - \varepsilon)\Phi(\Phi'^{-1}(x)),$$

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{1}{C}\Phi'^{-1}(x) \leq \frac{\Phi^*(x)}{x} \leq C\Phi'^{-1}(x).$$

The proof of Lemma 2.1 is an easy consequence of the property **(H)**.

For this we will note by *smooth function* a locally absolutely continuous function on \mathbb{R} . This is the regularity needed for the use of Hardy inequality in our case.

2.1. Large entropy

The proof of *MLSI* for large entropy is based on the next lemma, we give a *MLSI saturate on the left*, with some weighted type energy.

Lemma 2.2 *There exists $C_h \geq 0$ and $M > 0$ such that for every smooth functions g we have*

$$(2.4) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(g^2) \leq C_h \int g'^2 h d\mu_\Phi,$$

where h is defined as follows

$$(2.5) \quad h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |x| < M \\ \frac{x^2}{\Phi(x)} & \text{if } |x| \geq M. \end{cases}$$

Proof. We use Theorem 3 of [5] which is a refinement of the criterion of a Bobkov-Götze theorem (see Theorem 5.3 of [6]).

The constant C_h satisfies

$$\max(b_-, b_+) \leq C_h \leq \max(B_-, B_+)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} b_+ &= \sup_{x \geq 0} \mu_\Phi([x, +\infty[) \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\mu_\Phi([x, +\infty[)} \right) \int_0^x Z_\Phi \frac{e^{\Phi(t)}}{h(t)} dt, \\ b_- &= \sup_{x \leq 0} \mu_\Phi(]-\infty, x]) \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\mu_\Phi(]-\infty, x])} \right) \int_x^0 Z_\Phi \frac{e^{\Phi(t)}}{h(t)} dt, \\ B_+ &= \sup_{x \geq 0} \mu_\Phi([x, +\infty[) \log \left(1 + \frac{e^2}{\mu_\Phi([x, +\infty[)} \right) \int_0^x Z_\Phi \frac{e^{\Phi(t)}}{h(t)} dt, \\ B_- &= \sup_{x \leq 0} \mu_\Phi(]-\infty, x]) \log \left(1 + \frac{e^2}{\mu_\Phi(]-\infty, x])} \right) \int_x^0 Z_\Phi \frac{e^{\Phi(t)}}{h(t)} dt. \end{aligned}$$

An easy approximation proves that for large positive x

$$(2.6) \quad \mu_\Phi([x, \infty[) = \int_x^\infty \frac{1}{Z_\Phi} e^{-\Phi(t)} dt \sim_\infty \frac{1}{Z_\Phi \Phi'(x)} e^{-\Phi(x)},$$

and

$$\int_0^x Z_\Phi \frac{e^{\Phi(t)}}{h(t)} dt \sim_\infty \frac{Z_\Phi}{h(x)\Phi'(x)} e^{\Phi(x)},$$

and one may prove similar behaviors for negative x .

Then, there is K and M such that for $x \geq M$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_\Phi([x, +\infty[) \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\mu_\Phi([x, +\infty[)} \right) \int_0^x Z_\Phi \frac{e^{\Phi(t)}}{h(t)} dt \leq \\ K \frac{\Phi(x)}{\Phi'(x)^2 h(x)} = K \left(\frac{\Phi(x)}{x\Phi'(x)} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

The right hand term is bounded by the assumption **(H)**.

A simple calculation then yields that constants b_+ , b_- , B_+ and B_- are finite and the lemma is proved. ■

Remark 2.3 *Note that this lemma can be proved in a more general case, when Φ does not satisfy hypothesis **(H)**.*

Proposition 2.4 *There exist $A, B, D, A' \geq 0$ such that for any functions $f \geq 0$ satisfying*

$$\int f^2 d\mu_\Phi = 1 \text{ and } \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \geq 1$$

we have

$$(2.7) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \leq A' \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\Phi}(f) + A \int_{f^2 \geq 2} H_\Phi \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

where

$$H_\Phi(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } |x| < D, \\ \Phi^*(Bx) & \text{if } |x| \geq D. \end{cases}$$

As we will see in the proof, A' does not depend on the function Φ .

Proof of Proposition 2.4. Let $f \geq 0$ satisfying $\int f^2 d\mu_\Phi = 1$. A careful study of the function

$$x \rightarrow -x^2 \log x^2 + 5(x-1)^2 + x^2 - 1 + (x-2)_+^2 \log(x-2)_+^2$$

proves that for every $x \geq 0$

$$x^2 \log x^2 \leq 5(x-1)^2 + x^2 - 1 + (x-2)_+^2 \log(x-2)_+^2.$$

We know that $\int (f-1)^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq 2 \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\Phi}(f)$, recalling that $\int f^2 d\mu_\Phi = 1$ and $f \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int f^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\Phi &\leq 5 \int (f-1)^2 d\mu_\Phi + \int (f^2 - 1) d\mu_\Phi \\ &\quad + \int (f-2)_+^2 \log(f-2)_+^2 d\mu_\Phi \\ &\leq 10 \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\Phi}(f) + \int (f-2)_+^2 \log(f-2)_+^2 d\mu_\Phi. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\int f^2 d\mu_\Phi = 1$, one can easily prove that

$$\int (f - 2)_+^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq 1,$$

then $\int (f - 2)_+^2 \log(f - 2)_+^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}((f - 2)_+^2)$, and

$$\mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \leq 10\mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\Phi}(f) + \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}((f - 2)_+^2).$$

Lemma 2.2 with $g = (f - 2)_+$ gives

$$(2.8) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}((f - 2)_+^2) \leq C_h \int (f - 2)_+^2 h d\mu_\Phi = C_h \int_{f \geq 2} f'^2 h d\mu_\Phi.$$

Due to the assumption **(H)**, the function $h(x) = x^2/\Phi(x)$, is increasing on $[M, \infty[$ and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = \infty.$$

We can assume that $\Phi(M) > 0$. We note $m = h(M) > 0$ Let us define the function τ as follow

$$(2.9) \quad \tau(x) = \begin{cases} x\Phi(h^{-1}(m))/(8C_h m) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq m \\ \Phi(h^{-1}(x))/(8C_h) & \text{if } x \geq m \end{cases}$$

For all $x \geq M$, we have $\tau(h(x)) = \Phi(x)/(8C_h)$ and then, an easy calculus gives that τ is increasing on $[0, \infty[$.

Let $u > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} C_h \int_{f \geq 2} f'^2 h d\mu_\Phi &= C_h \int_{f \geq 2} u \left(\frac{f'}{f}\right)^2 \frac{h}{u} f^2 d\mu_\Phi \\ &\leq C_h \int_{f \geq 2} \tau^* \left\{ u \left(\frac{f'}{f}\right)^2 \right\} f^2 d\mu_\Phi + \int_{f \geq 2} C_h \tau \left(\frac{h}{u}\right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi \end{aligned}$$

For every function f such that $\int f^2 d\mu_\Phi = 1$ and for every measurable function g such that $\int f^2 g d\mu_\Phi$ exists we get

$$\int f^2 g d\mu \leq \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) + \log \int e^g d\mu_\Phi.$$

Indeed, this inequality is also true for all function $g \geq 0$ even if the above integrals are infinite.

We apply the previous inequality with $g = 4C_h \tau(h/u)$ and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{f \geq 2} C_h \tau \left(\frac{h}{u}\right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi &\leq \frac{1}{4} \int 4C_h \tau \left(\frac{h}{u}\right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq \\ &\frac{1}{4} \left(\mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) + \log \int e^{4C_h \tau \left(\frac{h}{u}\right)} d\mu_\Phi \right). \end{aligned}$$

If $u = 1$ we have, by construction, $\int e^{4C_h\tau(\frac{h}{u})}d\mu_\Phi < \infty$, then we get

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \int e^{4C_h\tau(\frac{h}{u})}d\mu_\Phi = 1.$$

Then, by the bounded convergence theorem, there exists u_0 such that we get $\int e^{4C_h\tau(\frac{h}{u_0})}d\mu_\Phi \leq e$.

Thus we have

$$\mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}((f - 2)_+^2) \leq C_h \int_{f \geq 2} \tau^* \left\{ u_0 \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right)^2 \right\} f^2 d\mu_\Phi + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) + \frac{1}{4}$$

$\mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \geq 1$, implies

$$\mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \leq 20 \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\Phi}(f) + 2C_h \int_{f \geq 2} \tau^* \left\{ u_0 \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right)^2 \right\} f^2 d\mu_\Phi.$$

Then Lemma 2.5 gives the proof of inequality (2.7). ■

Lemma 2.5 *There exist constants $A, B, C, D \geq 0$ such that*

$$\forall x \geq 0, \quad \tau^*(x^2) \leq \begin{cases} Bx^2 & \text{if } x < D, \\ A\Phi^*(Cx) & \text{if } x \leq D. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $x > 0$, then $\tau^*(x) = \sup_{y \geq 0} \{xy - \tau(y)\}$. Let now $m = h(M) > 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^*(x) &= \max \left\{ \sup_{y \in [0, m[} \{xy - \tau(y)\}, \sup_{y \geq m} \{xy - \tau(y)\} \right\}, \\ &\leq \sup_{y \in [0, m[} \{xy - \tau(y)\} + \sup_{y \geq m} \{xy - \tau(y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

We have $\sup_{y \in [0, m[} \{xy - \tau(y)\} \leq xm$, because τ is positive. Then the definition of τ implies that

$$\sup_{y \geq m} \{xy - \tau(y)\} = \sup_{y \geq M} \left\{ x \frac{y^2}{\Phi(y)} - \frac{\Phi(y)}{8C_h} \right\}.$$

Let define $\psi_x(y) = xy^2/\Phi(y) - \Phi(y)/(8C_h)$ for $y \geq M$. We have

$$\psi'_x(y) = xy \frac{2\Phi(y) - y\Phi'(y)}{\Phi^2(y)} - \frac{\Phi'(y)}{8C_h}.$$

Due to the property **(H)**, there is $D > 0$ such that

$$\forall x \geq D, \quad \sup_{y \geq m} \{xy - \tau(y)\} = x \frac{y_x^2}{\Phi(y_x)} - \frac{\Phi(y_x)}{8C_h},$$

where $y_x \geq M$ satisfies

$$x = \frac{1}{8C_h} \frac{\Phi'(y_x)\Phi^2(y_x)}{y_x(2\Phi(y_x) - y_x\Phi'(y_x))}.$$

The assumption **(H)** implies that

$$\varepsilon y_x \Phi'(y_x) \leq 2\Phi(y_x) - y_x \Phi'(y_x) \leq \frac{1-\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon} y_x \Phi'(y_x),$$

then using the last inequality and again the assumption **(H)** one get

$$(2.10) \quad \frac{1}{8C_h(1-\varepsilon)(2-\varepsilon)} \Phi'^2(y_x) \leq x \leq \frac{1}{8C_h\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \Phi'^2(y_x).$$

We get with the assumption **(H)**,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \geq D, \sup_{y \geq m} \{xy - \tau(y)\} &\leq \frac{1}{8C_h\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \Phi'^2(y_x) \frac{y_x^2}{\Phi(y_x)} - \frac{1}{8C_y} \Phi(y_x) \\ &\leq \frac{(2-\varepsilon)^2}{8C_h\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \Phi(y_x). \end{aligned}$$

Equation (2.10) gives,

$$y_x \leq \Phi'^{-1}(\sqrt{Cx})$$

where $C > 0$. Then we get

$$\forall x \geq D, \sup_{y \geq m} \{xy - \tau(y)\} \leq \frac{(2-\varepsilon)^2}{8C_h\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \Phi(\Phi'^{-1}(\sqrt{Cx})).$$

We obtain, using inequality (2.2) of Lemma 2.1,

$$\forall x \geq D, \sup_{y \geq m} \{xy - \tau(y)\} \leq \frac{1}{8C_h\varepsilon^2(1+\varepsilon)} \Phi^*(\sqrt{Cx}).$$

then,

$$\forall x \geq D, \tau^*(x) \leq xm + K\Phi^*(\sqrt{Cx}).$$

Using inequality (2.1) of Lemma 2.1 we get

$$\forall x \geq D, \tau^*(x) \leq K'\Phi^*(\sqrt{Cx}),$$

for some $K' \geq 0$.

On the other hand, the function τ is non-negative and satisfy $\tau(0) = 0$ then $\tau^*(0) = 0$. τ^* is also a convex function, then there exists m' such that

$$\forall x \in [0, D], \tau^*(x) \leq xm',$$

which proves the lemma. ■

Corollary 2.6 *For any smooth functions $f > 0$ on \mathbb{R} satisfying*

$$\int f^2 d\mu_\Phi = 1, \text{ and } \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \geq 1,$$

we have

$$\mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \leq C \int H_\Phi\left(\frac{f'}{f}\right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

where

$$H_\Phi(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } |x| < D, \\ \Phi^*(Bx) & \text{if } |x| \geq D, \end{cases}$$

and $B, D \geq 0$.

Proof. Due to the property **(H)** the measure μ_Φ satisfies a Spectral Gap inequality,

$$\mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\Phi}(f) \leq C_{SG} \int f'^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

with $C_{SG} \geq 0$. We apply inequality (2.7) to get the result. ■

2.2. Small entropy

Lemma 2.7 *Let $\lambda > 0$ and define the function ψ by*

$$\psi(x) = \{(\Phi^*)^{-1}(\lambda \log x)\}^2.$$

Then for all $\lambda > 0$ there exists $A_\lambda > 0$ such that the function ψ is well defined, positive, increasing, concave on $[A_\lambda, \infty[$ and satisfies $\psi(A_\lambda) \geq 1$.

Proof. Let $\lambda > 0$ be fixed. Classical property of the Legendre-Fenchel transform implies that Φ^* is convex. Due to the property **(H)**, $(\Phi^*)^{-1}(\lambda \log x)$ is well defined for $x \geq M_1$ with $M_1 > 0$. Then we get on $[M_1, \infty[$,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi'(x) &= 2g'(\lambda \log x)g(\lambda \log x)\frac{\lambda}{x}, \\ \psi''(x) &= 2g(\lambda \log x)\frac{\lambda^2}{x^2}\left(g''(\lambda \log x) - \frac{g'(\lambda \log x)}{\lambda} + \frac{g'^2(\lambda \log x)}{g(\lambda \log x)}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where, for simplicity, we have noted $g = (\Phi^*)^{-1}$.

For x large enough g is non-negative and increasing and then ψ is increasing on $[M_2, \infty[$, with $M_2 \geq 0$.

An easy estimation gives that as x goes to infinity,

$$(2.11) \quad \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)} = o_\infty(1),$$

then since $(\Phi^*)^{-1}$ is concave, for all large enough x , $\psi''(x) \leq 0$. Then one can find $A_\lambda > 0$ such that properties on the Lemma 2.7 are true. ■

The proof of *MLSI* for small entropy is based on the next lemma, we give a *MLSI saturate on the right*.

Lemma 2.8 *Let $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $T_1 < T_2$. Then there exists $\lambda > 0$ which depends on the function Φ such that for all g defined on $[T, \infty[$ with $T \in [T_1, T_2]$, and verifying that*

$$g(T) = \sqrt{A_\lambda}, \quad g \geq \sqrt{A_\lambda} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_T^\infty g^2 d\mu_\alpha \leq 2A_\lambda + 2,$$

where A_λ is defined on Lemma 2.7.

Then we get

$$(2.12) \quad \int_T^\infty (g - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \psi(g^2) \mu_\Phi \leq C_1 \int_{[T, \infty[} g'^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

where ψ is defined on Lemma 2.7.

The constant C_1 depends on Φ and λ but does not depend on the value of $T \in [T_1, T_2]$.

Proof. Let use Hardy's inequality as explained in the introduction. We have $g(T) = A_\lambda$. We apply inequality (1.12) on $[T, \infty[$ with the function $(g - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+$ and the following measures

$$d\mu = \psi(g^2) d\mu_\Phi \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \mu_\Phi.$$

Then the constant C in inequality (2.12) is finite if and only if

$$B = \sup_{x \geq T} \int_T^x e^{\Phi(t)} dt \int_x^\infty \psi(g^2) d\mu_\Phi,$$

is finite.

By Lemma 2.7, ψ is concave on $[A_\lambda, \infty[$ then by Jensen inequality, for all $x \geq T$ we get

$$\int_x^\infty \psi(g^2) d\mu_\Phi \leq \mu_\Phi([x, \infty[) \psi\left(\frac{\int_x^\infty g^2 d\mu_\Phi}{\mu_\Phi([x, \infty[)}\right).$$

Then we have

$$(2.13) \quad B \leq \sup_{x > T_1} \left\{ \int_{T_1}^x e^{\Phi(t)} dt \mu_\Phi([x, \infty[) \psi\left(\frac{\int_x^\infty g^2 d\mu_\Phi}{\mu_\Phi([x, \infty[)}\right) \right\}$$

Due to the property **(H)** there exists $K > 1$ such that

$$(2.14) \quad \Phi'(x) e^{\Phi(x)} \leq e^{K\Phi(x)},$$

and

$$\int_{T_1}^x e^{\Phi(t)} dt \leq \frac{K e^{\Phi(x)}}{\Phi'(x)}, \quad \int_x^\infty e^{-\Phi(t)} dt \leq \frac{e^{-\Phi(x)}}{\Phi'(x)},$$

for large enough x .

By (2.14) we get also for large enough x that

$$\frac{e^{-K\Phi(x)}}{Z_\Phi} \leq \frac{\int_x^\infty e^{-\Phi(t)} dt}{Z_\Phi}.$$

Then for large enough x , uniformly in the previous g , one have

$$\int_{T_1}^x e^{\Phi(t)} dt \mu_\Phi([x, \infty]) \psi \left(\frac{\int_x^\infty g^2 d\mu_\Phi}{\mu_\Phi([x, \infty])} \right) \leq \frac{K}{(\Phi'(x))^2} \psi \left(\frac{\int_x^\infty g^2 d\mu_\Phi}{K} e^{K\Phi(x)} \right).$$

For x large enough,

$$\frac{\int_x^\infty g^2 d\mu_\Phi}{K} \leq 1.$$

Then, by definition of ψ , for large enough x ,

$$\int_{T_1}^x e^{\Phi(t)} dt \mu_\Phi([x, \infty]) \psi \left(\frac{\int_x^\infty g^2 d\mu_\Phi}{\mu_\Phi([x, \infty])} \right) \leq K \left(\frac{\Phi^{*-1}(\lambda K \Phi(x))}{\Phi'(x)} \right)^2.$$

There is also C_ϵ such that, for x large enough

$$\Phi^{*-1}(x) \leq \Phi'(\Phi^{-1}(C_\epsilon x)),$$

as one can see from equation (2.2).

Then one can choose $\lambda = 1/(KC_\epsilon)$ and the lemma is proved. Note that λ depends only on the function Φ .

The constant B on (2.13) is bounded by K which does not depend on T on $[T_1, T_2]$. ■

Proposition 2.9 *There exists $A, A', B, D, A_\lambda > 0$ such that for any functions $f \geq 0$ satisfying*

$$\int f^2 d\mu_\alpha = 1 \text{ and } \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\alpha}(f^2) \leq 1,$$

we have

$$\mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \leq A \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\Phi}(f) + A' \int_{f^2 \geq A_\lambda} H_\Phi \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

where

$$H_\Phi(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } |x| < D, \\ \Phi^*(Bx) & \text{if } |x| \geq D. \end{cases}$$

Note that contrary to Proposition 2.4, constant A depends on the function Φ .

Proof. Let $f \geq 0$ satisfying $\int f^2 d\mu_\alpha = 1$.

We can assume that $A_\lambda \geq 2$. A careful study of the function

$$x \rightarrow -x^2 \log x^2 + A(x - 1)^2 + x^2 - 1 + (x - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \log(x - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2$$

proves that there exists A such that for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$x^2 \log x^2 \leq A(x - 1)^2 + x^2 - 1 + (x - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \log(x - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2.$$

Then we get

$$(2.15) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\alpha}(f^2) = \int f^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\alpha \leq A \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\alpha}(f) + \int (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\alpha,$$

where $\sqrt{A_\lambda}$ is defined as in Lemma 2.8.

Fix λ as in Lemma 2.8. We define the function K on $[A_\lambda, \infty[$ by

$$K(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\log x^2}{\psi(x^2)}}.$$

Let now define $T_1 < T_2$ such that

$$\mu_\Phi(] \infty, T_1]) = \frac{3}{8}, \quad \mu_\Phi([T_1, T_2]) = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_\Phi([T_2, +\infty[) = \frac{3}{8}.$$

Since $\int f^2 d\mu_\Phi = 1$ there exists $T \in [T_1, T_2]$ such that $f(T) \leq A_\lambda$.

Let us define g on $[T, \infty[$ as follow

$$g = \sqrt{A_\lambda} + (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+ K(f) \text{ on } [T, \infty[.$$

Function g satisfies $g(T) = \sqrt{A_\lambda}$ and $g(x) \geq \sqrt{A_\lambda}$ for all $x \geq T$. Then we have

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_T^\infty g^2 d\mu_\Phi &\leq 2A_\lambda + 2 \int_{[T_1, \infty[\cap \{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} f^2 K^2(f) d\mu_\Phi \\ &\leq 2A_\lambda + 2 \int_{[T_1, \infty[} f^2 \log(f^2) d\mu_\Phi \\ &\leq 2A_\lambda + 2, \end{aligned}$$

where we are using the growth of ψ on $[A_\lambda, \infty[$ and $\psi(A_\lambda) \geq 1$.

Assumptions on Lemma 2.8 are satisfied, we obtain by inequality (2.12)

$$\int_T^\infty (g - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \psi(g^2) d\mu_\Phi \leq C_1 \int_{[T, \infty[\cap \{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} g'^2 d\mu_\Phi.$$

Let us compare the various terms now.

Due to the property **(H)**, K is lower bounded on $[\sqrt{A_\lambda}, \infty[$ by $\alpha \geq 1$ (maybe for A_λ larger), then we get firstly

$$\sqrt{A_\lambda} + (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+ K(f) \geq \sqrt{A_\lambda} + (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+ \alpha \geq f \quad \text{on} \quad \{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}.$$

Then

$$(g - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \psi(g^2) \geq (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 K(f)^2 \psi(f^2) = (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \log f^2,$$

by the definition of K , then we obtain

$$(2.17) \quad \int_T^\infty (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq \int_T^\infty (g - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \psi(g^2) d\mu_\Phi.$$

Secondly we have on $\{f \geq \sqrt{A_\lambda}\}$

$$\begin{aligned} g' &= f'K(f) + (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+ f'K'(f) \\ &= f'K(f) \left(1 + (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+ \frac{K'(f)}{K(f)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

But we have, for $x \geq \sqrt{A_\lambda}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| 1 + (x - \sqrt{A_\lambda}) \frac{K'(x)}{K(x)} \right| &\leq 1 + x \left| \frac{K'(x)}{K(x)} \right| \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{1}{\log x} + 4 \left| \frac{\lambda g'(\lambda 2 \log x)}{x g(\lambda 2 \log x)} \right|, \end{aligned}$$

where $g(x) = \Phi^{*-1}(x)$. Using the estimation (2.11) we obtain that there exists $C > 0$ such that for all $x \geq \sqrt{A_\lambda}$,

$$\left| 1 + (x - \sqrt{A_\lambda}) \frac{K'(x)}{K(x)} \right| \leq C.$$

We get then

$$g^2 \leq C f'^2 K^2(f) \quad \text{on} \quad \{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\},$$

for some $C < \infty$ and then

$$(2.18) \quad \int_{[T, \infty[\cap\{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} g'^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq C \int_{[T, \infty[\cap\{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} f'^2 K^2(f) d\mu_\Phi.$$

By equation (2.17) and (2.18) we obtain

$$\int_T^\infty (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq C \int_{[T, \infty[\cap\{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} f'^2 K^2(f) d\mu_\Phi.$$

Let $u_0 > 0$,

$$\int_T^\infty (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq C \int_{[T, \infty] \cap \{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} \tau_2^* \left(u_0 \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right)^2 \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi + \int_{[T, \infty] \cap \{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} \tau_2 \left(\frac{K^2(f)}{u_0} \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

where the function τ_2 is defined as in equation (2.9) by

$$(2.19) \quad \tau_2(x) = \begin{cases} x\Phi(h^{-1}(m)) \frac{1-\epsilon}{2\lambda m} & \text{if } 0 \leq x < m \\ \Phi(h^{-1}(x)) \frac{1-\epsilon}{2\lambda} & \text{if } x \geq m, \end{cases}$$

where h is defined on equation (2.5) and m on equation (2.9). The function τ_2 is equal to τ up to a constant factor.

Using Lemma 2.10 we get

$$\int_T^\infty (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq C \int_{[T, \infty] \cap \{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} \tau_2^* \left(u_0 \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right)^2 \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi + \frac{1}{2} \int_{[T, \infty] \cap \{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} f^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\Phi.$$

The same method can be used on $] -\infty, T]$ and then there is $C' < \infty$ such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^T (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq C' \int_{]-\infty, T] \cap \{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} \tau_2^* \left(u_0 \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right)^2 \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi + \frac{1}{2} \int_{]-\infty, T] \cap \{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} f^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\Phi.$$

And then we get

$$\int (f - \sqrt{A_\lambda})_+^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\Phi \leq (C + C') \int_{\{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} \tau_2^* \left(u_0 \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right)^2 \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\{f^2 \geq A_\lambda\}} f^2 \log f^2 d\mu_\Phi.$$

Note that constants C and C' do not depend on $T \in [T_1, T_2]$.

Then by inequality (2.15) and Lemma 2.5, Proposition 2.9 is proved. ■

Lemma 2.10 *There exists $u_0 > 0$ such that, for all $x \geq A_\lambda$ we have*

$$\tau_2\left(\frac{K^2(x)}{u_0}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \log x^2.$$

Proof. Let $\kappa = 2\lambda/(1 - \epsilon)$. For all $x \geq M$, where M is defined on equation (2.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_2(h(x)) &= \frac{\Phi(x)}{\kappa}, \\ \tau_2\left(\frac{x^2}{\Phi(x)}\right) &= \frac{\Phi(x)}{\kappa}. \end{aligned}$$

τ_2 is increasing, then due to the property **(H)** we have for $x \geq M$

$$\tau_2\left((1 + \epsilon)^2 \frac{\Phi(x)}{\Phi'(x)^2}\right) \leq \frac{\Phi(x)}{\kappa}.$$

Using now inequality (2.2) one has

$$\frac{1}{\Phi'(x)} \geq \frac{1}{\Phi^{*-1}((1 - \epsilon)\Phi(x))},$$

then for all $x \geq M$,

$$\tau_2\left((1 + \epsilon)^2 \frac{\Phi(x)}{\Phi^{*-1}((1 - \epsilon)\Phi(x))^2}\right) \leq \frac{\Phi(x)}{\kappa}.$$

Take now $z = (1 - \epsilon)\Phi(x)$,

$$\tau_2\left(\frac{(1 + \epsilon)^2}{1 - \epsilon} \frac{z}{\Phi^{*-1}(z)^2}\right) \leq \frac{z}{(1 - \epsilon)\kappa},$$

to finish take

$$x = \exp\left(\frac{z}{(1 - \epsilon)\kappa}\right)$$

to obtain

$$\tau_2\left((1 + \epsilon)^2 \kappa \frac{\log x^2}{\Phi^{*-1}\left(\frac{(1 - \epsilon)\kappa}{2} \log x^2\right)^2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \log x^2.$$

Recall that $\lambda = (1 - \epsilon)\kappa/2$ and let take $u_0 = 1/((1 + \epsilon)^2\kappa)$, to obtain the result for $x \geq C$, where C is a constant depending on Φ .

If we have $A_\lambda < C$, one can change the value of u_0 to obtain also the result on $[A_\lambda, C]$. ■

Proof of Theorem 1.2. To give the proof of the theorem we need to give an other result like Proposition 2.4. By the same argument as in Proposition 2.4 one can also prove that there exists $A, A', B, D > 0$ such that for any functions $f \geq 0$ satisfying

$$\int f^2 d\mu_\alpha = 1 \text{ and } \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\alpha}(f^2) \geq 1$$

we have for some $C'(A_\lambda), C(A_\lambda)$

$$(2.20) \quad \mathbf{Ent}_{\mu_\Phi}(f^2) \leq C'(A_\lambda) \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\Phi}(f) + C(A_\lambda) \int_{f^2 \geq A_\lambda} H_\Phi \left(\frac{f'}{f} \right) f^2 d\mu_\Phi,$$

where H_Φ is defined on (1.10) and A_λ on the Proposition 2.9.

Then the proof of the theorem is a simple consequence of (2.20) and Proposition 2.9. ■

3. Classical properties and applications

Let us give here properties inherited directly from the methodology known for classical logarithmic Sobolev inequalities.

Proposition 3.1 *1 This property is known under the name of tensorization.*

Let μ_1 and μ_2 two probability measures on \mathbb{R}^{n_1} and \mathbb{R}^{n_2} . Suppose that μ_1 (resp. μ_2) satisfies the a MLSI with function H_Φ and constant A_1 (resp. with constant A_2) then the probability $\mu_1 \otimes \mu_2$ on $\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2}$, satisfies a MLSI with function H_Φ and constant $\max \{A_1, A_2\}$.

2 This property is known under the name of perturbation.

Let μ a measure on \mathbb{R}^n a MLSI with function H_Φ and constant A . Let h a bounded function on \mathbb{R}^n and defined $\tilde{\mu}$ as

$$d\tilde{\mu} = \frac{e^h}{Z} d\mu,$$

where $Z = \int e^h d\mu$.

Then the measure $\tilde{\mu}$ satisfies a MLSI with function H_Φ and the constant

$$D = Ae^{2\text{osc}(h)}, \quad \text{where } \text{osc}(h) = \sup(h) - \inf(h).$$

3 Link between MLSI of function H_Φ with Poincaré inequality.

Let μ a measure on \mathbb{R}^n . If μ satisfies a MLSI with function H_Φ and constant A , then μ satisfies a Poincaré inequality with the constant A . Let us recall that μ satisfies a Poincaré inequality with constant A if

$$\text{Var}_\mu(f) \leq A \int |\nabla f|^2 d\mu,$$

for all smooth function f .

Proof. One can find the details of the proof of the properties of tensorization and perturbation and the implication of the Poincaré inequality in chapters 1 and 3 of [1, Section 1.2.6., Theorem 3.2.1 and Theorem 3.4.3]. ■

Proposition 3.2 Assume that the probability measure μ on \mathbb{R} satisfies a MLSI with function H_Φ and constant A . Then there exists three constants $B, C, D \geq 0$, independent of n such that: if F is a function on \mathbb{R}^n such that $\forall i, \|\partial_i F\|_\infty \leq \zeta$, then we get for $\lambda \geq 0$,

$$(3.1) \quad \mu^{\otimes n}(|F - \mu^{\otimes n}(F)| \geq \lambda) \leq \begin{cases} 2 \exp\left(-nB\Phi\left(C\frac{\lambda}{n\zeta}\right)\right) & \text{if } \lambda > nD\zeta, \\ 2 \exp\left(-B\frac{\lambda^2}{n\zeta^2}\right) & \text{if } 0 \leq \lambda \leq nD\zeta. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let us first present the proof when $n = 1$. Assume, without loss of generality, that $\int F d\mu = 0$. Due to the homogeneous property of (3.1) one can suppose that $\zeta = 1$.

Let us recall briefly Herbst’s argument (see [1, Chapter 7] for more details). Denote $\psi(t) = \int e^{tF} d\mu$, and remark that MLSI of function H_Φ applied to $f^2 = e^{tF}$, using basic properties of H_Φ , yields to

$$(3.2) \quad t\psi'(t) - \psi(t) \log \psi(t) \leq AH_\Phi\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \psi(t)$$

which, denoting $K(t) = (1/t) \log \psi(t)$, entails

$$K'(t) \leq \frac{A}{t^2} H_\Phi\left(\frac{t}{2}\right).$$

Then, integrating, and using $K(0) = \int F d\mu = 0$, we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad \psi(t) \leq \exp\left(At \int_0^t \frac{1}{s^2} H_\Phi\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) ds\right).$$

Then we get using Markov inequality

$$\mu(|F - \mu(F)| \geq \lambda) \leq 2 \exp \left(\min_{t \geq 0} \left\{ At \int_0^t \frac{1}{s^2} H_\Phi \left(\frac{s}{2} \right) ds - \lambda t \right\} \right).$$

Let note, for $t \geq 0$,

$$G(t) = At \int_0^t \frac{1}{s^2} H_\Phi \left(\frac{s}{2} \right) ds - \lambda t.$$

An easy study proves that G admits a minimum on \mathbb{R}^+ on the value t_0 which satisfies for $\lambda > 0$ $G'(t_0) = 0$. Then due to the definition of H_Φ we get that

$$\min_{t \geq 0} \{G(t)\} = -\frac{\lambda^2}{A}, \quad \text{if } \lambda \leq AD.$$

Assume now that $\lambda \geq AD$ then we obtain after derivation

$$(3.4) \quad \min_{t \geq 0} \{G(t)\} = -A\Phi^* \left(t_0 \frac{B}{2} \right),$$

with

$$\lambda t_0 = At_0 \int_0^{t_0} \frac{1}{s^2} H_\Phi \left(\frac{s}{2} \right) ds + AH_\Phi \left(\frac{t_0}{2} \right).$$

We first prove that there exists $C \geq 0$ such that for all t_0 large enough

$$(3.5) \quad t_0 \int_0^{t_0} \frac{1}{s^2} H_\Phi \left(\frac{s}{2} \right) ds \leq CH_\Phi \left(\frac{t_0}{2} \right).$$

For $\kappa \geq 0$ large enough and $t_0 \geq \kappa$ we get using then inequality (2.2) we get

$$t_0 \int_\kappa^{t_0} \frac{1}{s^2} H_\Phi \left(\frac{s}{2} \right) ds \leq Ct_0 \int_\kappa^{t_0} \frac{1}{s^2} \Phi \left(\Phi'^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{2} \right) \right) ds,$$

with $C \geq 0$. Then by a change of variables and integration by parts, for large enough t_0 ,

$$\begin{aligned} t_0 \int_\kappa^{t_0} \frac{1}{s^2} \Phi \left(\Phi'^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{2} \right) \right) ds &= \frac{t_0}{2} \int_{\Phi'^{-1}(\frac{\kappa}{2})}^{\Phi'^{-1}(\frac{t_0}{2})} \frac{\Phi(u)}{\Phi'(u)^2} \Phi''(u) du \\ &\leq \frac{t_0}{2} \frac{\Phi(\Phi'^{-1}(\kappa/2))}{\Phi'(\Phi'^{-1}(\kappa/2))} + \frac{t_0}{2} \Phi'^{-1}(t_0/2) \\ &\leq Ct_0 \Phi'^{-1}(t_0/2), \end{aligned}$$

for some other $C \geq 0$. Then we get, using inequality (2.3), for t_0 large enough,

$$t_0 \int_0^{t_0} \frac{1}{s^2} H_\Phi \left(\frac{s}{2} \right) ds \leq Ct_0 \Phi'^{-1}(t_0/2) \leq C' \Phi^*(t_0/2).$$

for some constant $C' \geq 0$ and for t_0 large enough. Then inequality (3.5) is proved. By (3.5) and (3.4) one get for t_0 large enough,

$$\lambda t_0 \leq A' \Phi^* \left(\frac{t_0}{2} \right),$$

for some constant $A' \geq 0$. But, using inequality (2.3) and property **(H)** we get then, for other constants C, C', A ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi'(A\lambda) &\leq Ct_0, \\ \min_{t \geq 0} \{G(t)\} &\leq -A\Phi^*(B\Phi'(C\lambda)) \leq -A\Phi^*(\Phi'(C'\lambda)), \end{aligned}$$

if λ is large enough and for some other constants $A, B, C, C' \geq 0$. Using inequality (2.2), we obtain the result in dimension 1.

For the n -dimensional extension, use the tensorization property of *MLSI* of function H_Φ and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n H_\Phi \left(\frac{t}{2} \partial_i F \right) \leq n H_\Phi \left(\frac{t}{2} \right).$$

Then we can use the case of dimension 1 with the constant A replaced by An . ■

Remark 3.3 *Let us present a simple application of the preceding proposition to deviation inequality of the empirical mean of a function. Consider the real valued function f , with $|f'| \leq 1$. Let apply Proposition 3.2 with the two functions*

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \quad \text{and} \quad F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_i).$$

We obtain then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n f(X_k) - \mu(f) \right| > \lambda \right) &\leq \begin{cases} 2 \exp(-nA\Phi(B\lambda)) & \text{if } \lambda \geq D, \\ 2 \exp(-nA\lambda^2) & \text{if } 0 \leq \lambda \leq D, \end{cases} \\ \mathbb{P} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n f(X_k) - \mu(f) \right| > \lambda \right) &\leq \begin{cases} 2 \exp \left(-nA\Phi \left(B \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right) & \text{if } \lambda \geq D\sqrt{n}, \\ 2 \exp(-A\lambda^2) & \text{if } 0 \leq \lambda \leq D\sqrt{n}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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