

CONTEXT: Consider a function  $f(x)$  with  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  or  $x \in M_N$   $\rightarrow$   $f$  smooth with values in  $\mathbb{R}$   
 ↳ functions are more or less complex | vs | ↳ manifold  
 ↳ level sets  $\rightarrow$  points for which  $f \leq$  level, more or less complex.

## A LITTLE TOPOLOGY:

One way to characterize complexity is the number of critical points:

$$\text{Crit}_k(f) = \# \text{ critical points of } f \text{ of index } k = \int \delta f(x) = 0$$

$\int \delta^k f(x) \text{ has } k \text{ negative, e.v.}$

↪ local minimum  $\equiv k=0$

more precise:  $\text{Crit}_k(f, u) = \# \dots \text{ such that } f(x) \leq u$ .

Consider the special case  $M_N$  compact;  $f$  Morse function (all critical points are non-degenerate)

MORSE THEORY: Topological invariant:  $b_k(M)$  Be numbers  $\rightarrow$  counts the number of holes of dimension  $k$  in the manifold

weak MI:  $\text{Crit}_k(f) \geq b_k(M)$

strong MI:  $\text{Crit}_0 - \text{Crit}_1 + \text{Crit}_2 - \dots + (-1)^N \text{Crit}_N = b_0 - b_1 + \dots + (-1)^N b_N = \chi(M)$

↪ example: sphere  $S^{N-1}$   $b_0 = b_{N-1} = 1$ ,  $b_k = 0 \quad 0 < k < N-1$

$\text{Crit}_k(f) \geq b_k$

$$\sum (-1)^k \text{Crit}_k(f) = 1 + (-1)^{N-1} = \chi(S^{N-1}) = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 2 \end{cases}$$

A random smooth function can be way more complex than what Morse theory.

↪ choose  $f(x) \sim \text{Gaussian } \int F f(x) = m(x) \rightarrow$  random realization

$$\left[ \text{Cov}(f(x), f(y)) = c(x, y) \right]$$

↪  $f$ : Polynomial, homogeneous of degree  $p$

On  $S^{N-1}$ : a)  $f(x) = x_1^3$  not complex

b)  $f(x) = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^N c_{ijk} x_i x_j x_k$   $c_{ijk} \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$  iid  $\rightarrow$  p-spin model on a sphere.  
 ↳ expect to be complex.  $(H_3(x) = \sqrt{N} f(x / \sqrt{N}))$

c)  $f_3(x) = \lambda f_1 + f_2 \rightarrow$  whether this function is complex depends on  $\lambda$  "signal to noise ratio"

- We want as well to understand the topology of sublevel sets.  $A_u = \{x, f(x) \leq u\}$

$$\chi(A_u) = \sum (-1)^k \text{Crit}_k(f, u)$$

KAC-RICE FORMULA: A way to compute the annealed complexity:  $E(\sum_{i=1}^m \text{Crit}_k(f_i, u))$  moments of nb of crit.  
 (Azais-Wishart)

(Brownian case)

(Adler-Taylor)

Kac-Rice formula gives a dictionary to transform these complexity questions into RMT.

random matrix theory

$$\mathbb{E}(\text{Crit}_k(f, \mu)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} d\mathbf{x} \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} dr \mathbb{E}(|\det \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})| \mathbf{1}_{\{f(\mathbf{x})=r\}} \delta_{f(\mathbf{x})=0, f(\mathbf{x})=\mu} \delta_{\mathbf{x}(r,0)})$$

hard part

$\delta_{f(\mathbf{x}), \mu}$  density of dist of  $f(\mathbf{x}), \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})$

Much simpler without the absolute value  $\rightarrow$  "CO-AREA FORMULA"

$$\mathbb{E}(X(A_\mu)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} d\mathbf{x} \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} dr \mathbb{E}(\det \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) | \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})=0, f(\mathbf{x})=\mu) \delta_{\mathbf{x}(r,0)}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  random  $N \times N$  matrix.

So what we need to understand is the distribution of  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})$  conditioned by  $\begin{cases} f(\mathbf{x}) = \mu \\ \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \end{cases}$   
Is  $N \times N$  gaussian random matrix (symmetric).

Rk: There are no reasons for the matrix entries not to be correlated! Which is very hard to handle, kind of useless...

Rk: Now this gives the annealed complexity  $\rightarrow$  to compute quenched

replica method using  
annealed moments -  
supersymmetry method -

SIMPLEST CASE: isotropic processes:  $C(x, y) = C(d(x, y)) \rightarrow$  only function of the distance

$$\begin{cases} C(x) = f^2 = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad f(x) \perp \nabla f; \quad \nabla f \perp \nabla^2 f. \\ \nabla C(x) = 2f \nabla f = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \end{cases}$$

In this case we can compute the distribution of  $\nabla^2 f(x)$  conditioned on  $f(x)=0$ .

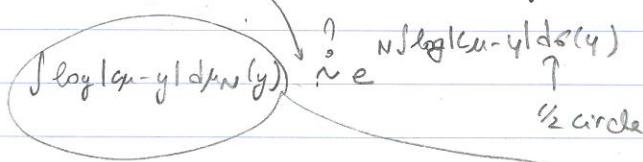
EXAMPLE: p-spin:  $f(x) = \sum C_{ijk} x_i x_j x_k$   $m(x) = 0$ .

$$\nabla^2 f(x) \stackrel{(d)}{=} GOE_{N-1} - c_N I_N$$

$C(x, y) = \langle x, y \rangle =$  function of distance on  $S^{N-1}$

$\hookrightarrow$  need to compute:  $\mathbb{E}(\det(GOE_{N-1} - c_N I_N) | \mathbf{1}_{x_i=0}) \rightarrow$  expectation of absolute value of characteristic polynomial  $\rightarrow$  HARD -

$$\mathbb{E}(\det(GOE_{N-1} - c_N I_N)) = \mathbb{E}\left(e^{N\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log |c_N - \lambda_i|\right)}\right)$$

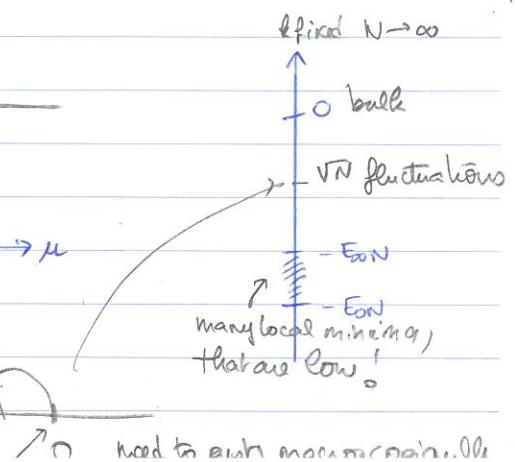
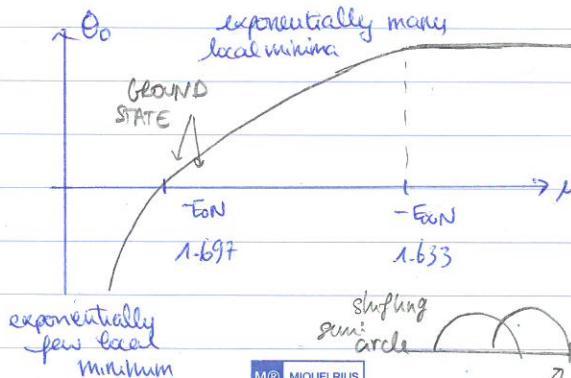


$$\mu_N = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \delta_{x_i}$$

+ BUNCH OF COMMENTS ON CONCENTRATION

$$\lim \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{E}(\text{Crit}_k(\mu)) = \Theta_k(\mu) \quad \cdot k \text{ fixed, } N \rightarrow \infty \cdot$$

complexity of local minima:



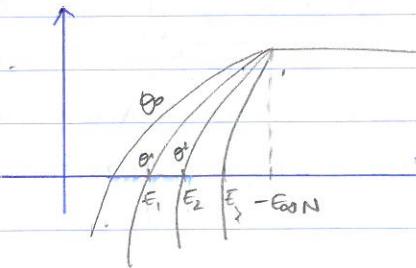
E. Subag → 2<sup>nd</sup> moment method to prove concentration  
 and the position of the ground state  
 (converge back to the annealed computation)

$$\frac{\langle U - E_0 \rangle_{\text{anneal}}}{\langle E \rangle} \rightarrow 1$$

Subag, Zdziarski 16 - extreme values: Gumbel distribution: independent centered gaussian variables  
 ↳ distribution of extreme values -  
 ↳ these points in large dimensional are basically orthogonal → independent  
 ↳ if covariance = function of inner product

Now what about saddle points of higher energies:

Auffinger/Cerney BA.



Rk: We simplified → gaussian, isotropic...

Quadratic forms → critical points = eigenvectors → many of them but not exponentially

Gibbs measure at very low temperature

JAGANNATH

↪ absence of temperature chaos:

New w/ instead of looking at homogeneous, look at mixture polynomials:

↪ center of GOE is random

