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GAUSSIAN KERNELS HAVE ALSO GAUSSIAN MINIMIZERS

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The title alludes to the paper of Lieb [2] on maximizers of a multilinear functional with a Gaussian kernel acting on a product of L^p spaces. His result identifies functions $f_i \in L^{p_i}(\mathbb{R}^{n_i})$ which maximize

$$J(f_1, \dots, f_m) = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\langle Qx, x \rangle} \prod_{i=1}^m f_i(B_i x) dx}{\prod_{i=1}^m \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_i}} |f_i|^{p_i} \right)^{1/p_i}},$$

where $Q: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is positive semi-definite and $B_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_i}$ are surjective linear maps.

In this talk we shall address a problem of identifying minimizers of J among *positive* functions f_i in case some of the indices p_i are below 1. Our result is related to several “reversed” inequalities known in the literature including the reversed Young convolution inequality, Borell’s reversed hypercontractivity and the reversed Brascamp-Lieb inequalities.

Based on a joint work [1] with Franck Barthe from the University of Paul Sabatier, Toulouse.

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