

# Toward a unified theory of sparse dimensionality reduction in Euclidean space

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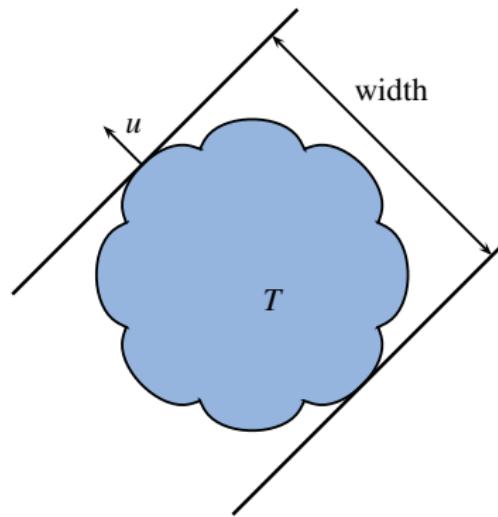
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- ▶ Theorem extends to random sign matrices:  
**Klartag-Mendelson '05**,  
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## Geometric interpretation

$$g(T - T) = \mathbb{E} \sup_{x \in T - T} \langle x, g \rangle = c_n \mathbb{E} \sup_{x \in T - T} \left\langle x, \frac{g}{\|g\|_2} \right\rangle, \quad c_n \sim \sqrt{n}.$$



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