

The vector balancing constant of two convex bodies  $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\beta(U, V)$ , is defined to be the smallest  $b > 0$  such that for any  $n$  vectors in  $U$ , some signed combination of these vectors lies in a  $b$ -scaled copy of  $V$ . This constant is the subject of the well-known Komlós conjecture, which asks whether  $\beta(B_2^n, B_\infty^n)$  is bounded by a universal constant, where  $B_2^n, B_\infty^n$  are the unit ball and cube, respectively, in dimension  $n$ . We will introduce a related parameter  $\alpha(U, V) \leq \beta(U, V)$ , defined via lattices, and review some known inequalities for these two parameters. In 1997, W. Banaszczyk and S. Szarek showed that (for some universal  $\theta > 0$ ) if a convex body has gaussian measure  $\gamma_n(V) \geq 1/2$ , then  $\alpha(B_2^n, V) \leq \theta$ ; this yields  $\alpha(B_2^n, B_\infty^n) = O(\sqrt{\log n})$  for the cube. They conjecture that a similar inequality holds for convex bodies of gaussian measure  $p < 1/2$ , i.e., that there exists a non-increasing function  $f$  (independent of  $n$ ) such that  $\beta(B_2^n, V) \leq f(\gamma_n(V))$ . We answer this question in the affirmative for the parameter  $\alpha$ .

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