

$$I_n = \int_{-1}^1 e^{nf(x)} dx \quad \text{with} \quad f(x) = \ln \sqrt{1-x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-x^2)$$

so  $f: (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is twice differentiable with a unique global maximum at  $x_0 = 0$ .

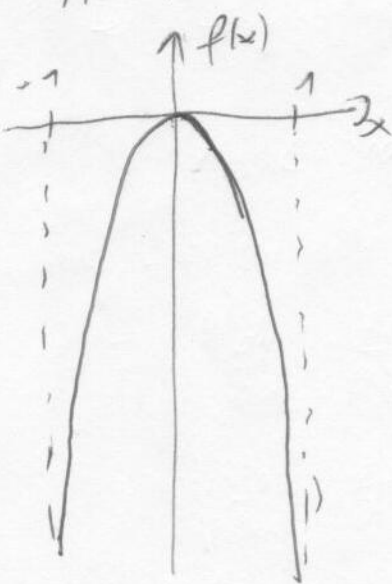
$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{-2x}{1-x^2} = \frac{-x}{1-x^2} = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad x=0$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{-(-x^2) - (-x)(-2x)}{(1-x^2)^2} = \frac{-1+x^2-2x^2}{(1-x^2)^2} = -\frac{1+x^2}{(1-x^2)^2}$$

$$f''(0) = -1$$

So let  $A := f(0) = \frac{1}{2} \ln 1 = 0$ ,  $B = -f''(0) = 1$

Actually  $f$  is not defined at  $-1$  and  $+1$ , ~~so it~~ and it can not be continuously extended to  $[-1, 1]$ :



so the theorem about almost-Gaussian integrals only applies in its generalized form. But luckily,  $f$  is separated away from  $A = f(0)$  when  $x$  is not close to 0, so the theorem gives

$$I_n = \int_{-1}^1 e^{nf(x)} dx \sim e^{nA} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{nB}} \quad \begin{matrix} A=0 \\ B=1 \end{matrix} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{n}}$$