

**Asymmetric estimation for varying-coefficient additive model
with functional response in reproducing kernel Hilbert space**

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Supplementary Material

This supplemental material contains the technical proofs for Theorems 1–4.

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Proof of Theorem 1. Note that any lower bound for a specific case yields a lower bound for a general case. We set $\tau = \frac{1}{2}$ and assume $(\epsilon_i(\mathcal{T}_{i1}), \dots, \epsilon_i(\mathcal{T}_{im}))$ follows a normal distribution with zero mean and $\text{Cov}(\epsilon_i(\mathcal{T}_{ij}), \epsilon_i(\mathcal{T}_{ik})) = C_0(\mathcal{T}_{ij}, \mathcal{T}_{ik})$ where $C_0(s, s) = \sigma_0^2$.

The Varshamov-Gilbert bound shows that for any $m \geq 8$, there exists a set $\mathcal{B} = \{b^{(0)}, b^{(1)}, \dots, b^{(N_0)}\} \subset \{0, 1\}^m$ such that

$$1. \quad b^{(0)} = (0, \dots, 0)'$$

2. $H(b, b') > m/8$ for any $b \neq b' \in \mathcal{B}$, where $H(\cdot, \cdot) = \sum_{i=1}^m |b_i - b'_i|$ is the Hamming distance;
3. $N_0 \geq 2^{m/8}$.

Let $N = \lceil mn^{1/(2r+1)} \rceil$. Define $\beta = \sqrt{N^{-1}} \sum_{k=N+1}^{2N} b_k \sqrt{\rho_k} \phi_k$.

Then $\|\beta_b\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 = N^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^N b_k \leq 1$ and $\|\beta_b\|_2^2 = N^{-1} \sum_{k=N+1}^{2N} b_k \rho_k$.

Notice that,

$$\begin{cases} N^{-1} H(b, b') \rho_{2N} \lesssim N^{-1} \sum_{k=N+1}^{2N} b_k \rho_k \lesssim N^{-1} H(b, b') \rho_N, \\ \frac{1}{8} \leq \frac{H(b, b')}{N} \leq 1. \end{cases} \quad (\text{S1.1})$$

Combine S1.1 with condition the eigenvalue condition $\rho_k \approx k^{-2r}$, we have

$$N^{-r} \lesssim \|\beta - \beta_{b'}\|_2^2 \lesssim N^{-2r}. \quad (\text{S1.2})$$

By S1.2 and condition (A1) (A2),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}(\Pi_{Y|\beta_b} \mid \Pi_{Y|\beta_{b'}}) &= n\mathbb{E} [(x\beta_b - x\beta_{b'})' \Sigma^{-1}(T) (x\beta_b - x\beta_{b'})] \\ &\lesssim nm\sigma_0^{-2} \|\beta_b - \beta_{b'}\|_2^2 \\ &\lesssim nm\sigma_0^{-2} N^{-2r}. \end{aligned}$$

Fano's lemma now yields

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{1 \leq j \leq M} \mathbb{E}_{\beta^{(j)}} \|\hat{\beta} - \beta^{(j)}\|_2^2 &\gtrsim N^{-r} \left(1 - \frac{\log(c_1 nm\sigma_0^{-2} N^{-2r}) + \log 2}{\log M} \right) \\ &\approx (nm)^{-r/(2r+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

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This gives:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\beta_0} \mathbb{P} \left(\left\| \hat{\beta} - \beta_0 \right\|_2^2 \geq a ((nm)^{-r/(2r+1)}) \right) = 1.$$

Let $(\epsilon_i(\mathcal{T}_{i1}), \dots, \epsilon_i(\mathcal{T}_{im}))$ follows a normal distribution with unknown mean μ and $\text{Cov}(\epsilon_i(\mathcal{T}_{ij}), \epsilon_i(\mathcal{T}_{ik})) = \sigma_0^2$. Then the estimation of β is equivalent to the estimation of μ from n i.i.d samples.

This gives:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\beta_0} \mathbb{P} \left(\left\| \hat{\beta} - \beta_0 \right\|_2^2 \geq an^{-1} \right) = 1,$$

as desired. \square

Proof of Theorem 2. Define:

$$\begin{cases} \ell_\infty(g) = \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(Y_{ij} - x_i^T g(\mathcal{T}_{ij})) \right) \\ \ell_{mn}(g) = \frac{1}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(Y_{ij} - x_i^T(\mathcal{T}_{ij})) \\ \ell_{mn,\lambda}(g) = \ell_{mn}(g) + \lambda \|g\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2, \\ \ell_{\infty,\lambda}(g) = \ell_\infty(g) + \lambda \|g\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2. \\ \beta_\lambda^\infty = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathcal{H}(K)} \{ \ell_\infty(\beta) + \lambda \|\beta\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 \} \\ \beta_\lambda^{mn} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathcal{H}(K)} \{ \ell_{mn}(\beta) + \lambda \|\beta\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 \} \end{cases}$$

Notice that under (C4) when $\lambda = 0$, $g = \beta_0$ minimizes all $\rho(Y_{ij}^k - x_i^T g^k(\mathcal{T}_{ij}))$, therefore $\beta_\lambda^\infty|_{\lambda=0} = \beta_0$.

First we bound the regulated estimator and the unregulated estimator with infinite samples: $\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_2^2$. Consider the following eigen decomposition:

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 = \sum_{v \geq 1} a_v \phi_v, \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty = \sum_{v \geq 1} b_v \phi_v. \end{cases}$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_\infty^2(g) &= \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (Y_{ij} - x_i^T g(\mathcal{T}_{ij}))^2 \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E} ([Y_{11} - x^T g_0(\mathcal{T}_{11})]^2) + \mathbb{E} (\|x^T g - x^T g_0\|_2^2), \end{aligned}$$

Let $\tau_0 = \min(\tau, 1 - \tau)$ and $c_0 = \tau_0 \mathbb{E} (\|x^T x\|_2^2)$.

First we prove $|\frac{a_k}{1 + \lambda c_0^{-1} \rho_k^{-1}}| \leq |b_k| \leq |a_k|$ and $a_k b_k \geq 0$ by contradiction:

Define $f_\epsilon = \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty + \epsilon \phi_k$, by the fact that $c_0 \leq \frac{\ell_\infty(f) - \ell_\infty(g)}{\ell_\infty^2(f) - \ell_\infty^2(g)} \leq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_{\infty, \lambda}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty) - \ell_{\infty, \lambda}(f_\epsilon) &= \ell_\infty(f_\epsilon) - \ell_\infty(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty) + \lambda(\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 - \|f_\epsilon\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2) \\ &\geq \tau_0 (\ell_\infty^2(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty) - \ell_\infty^2(f_\epsilon)) + \lambda(\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 - \|f_\epsilon\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2) \\ &\geq c_0((a_k - b_k)^2 - (a_k - b_k - \epsilon)^2) - \lambda \rho_k^{-1} (b_k^2 - (b_k + \epsilon)^2) \end{aligned}$$

If $a_k b_k < 0$, take $\epsilon = -b_k$ yields $\ell_{\infty, \lambda}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty) - \ell_{\infty, \lambda}(f_\epsilon) > 0$.

If $|b_k| > |a_k|$, take $\epsilon = a_k - b_k$ yields $\ell_{\infty, \lambda}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty) - \ell_{\infty, \lambda}(f_\epsilon) > 0$.

Otherwise let $\epsilon b_k < 0$ and sufficiently small in scale:

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$$\begin{aligned}
\ell_{\infty,\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty) - \ell_{\infty,\lambda}(f_\epsilon) &\geq c_0((a_k - b_k)^2 - (a_k - b_k - \epsilon)^2) - \lambda \rho_k^{-1}(b_k^2 - (b_k + \epsilon)^2) \\
&\approx \epsilon \frac{\partial [c_0(a_k - x)^2 + \lambda \rho_k x^2]}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=b_k} \\
&= \epsilon c_0 \left(b_k - \frac{a_k}{1 + \lambda c_0^{-1} \rho_k^{-1}} \right) \\
&> 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_2^2 = \sum_{k \geq 1} (a_k - b_k)^2 \leq \sum_{k \geq 1} a_k^2 \left(\frac{c_0^{-1} \rho_k^{-1}}{1 + \lambda c_0^{-1} \rho_k^{-1}} \right)^2 \lesssim \sum_{k \geq 1} a_k^2 \rho_k^{-1} \sup_{v \geq 1} \frac{\rho_k^{-1}}{(1 + \lambda \rho_k^{-1})^2} \leq \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_K^2.$$

Let

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty = \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty - \frac{1}{2} G_\lambda^{-1} D \ell_{mn,\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty)$$

where D stands for the Fréchet derivative and $G_\lambda = (1/2)D^2 \ell_{\infty,\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty)$.

By Lax-Milgram theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty - \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty\|_2^2 &= \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{2} G_\lambda^{-1} D \ell_{nm,\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty) \right\|_2^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{k \geq 1} (1 + \lambda \rho_k^{-1})^{-2} (D \ell_{nm,\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty) \phi_k)^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E} [D\ell_{mn,\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty)\phi_k]^2 &= \mathbb{E} [D\ell_{mn}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty)\phi_k - D\ell_\infty(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty)\phi_k]^2 \\
 &= \frac{4}{n^2 m^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var} \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \rho' \left([Y_{ij} - x_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty(\mathcal{T}_{ij})] \phi_k(\mathcal{T}_{ij}) \right) \right] \\
 &\lesssim \frac{1}{n^2 m^2} \left(\text{Var} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \left([\boldsymbol{\beta}_0(\mathcal{T}_{ij}) - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty(\mathcal{T}_{ij})] \phi_k(\mathcal{T}_{ij}) \right) \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[\text{Var} \left(\sum_{j=1}^m Y_{ij} \phi_k(\mathcal{T}_{ij}) \mid \mathcal{T} \right) \right] \right) \\
 &\lesssim \frac{1}{n^2 m^2} \left(m \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_0 - \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty\|_2^2 \|\phi_k\|_2^2 + m(m-1) \int_{\mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}} \phi_k(s) C_0(s, t) \phi_k(t) ds dt + m \sigma_0^2 \|\phi_k\|_2^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + m \int_{\mathcal{T}} \phi_k^2(s) C(s, s) ds \right) \\
 &\lesssim \frac{1}{mn^2} + \frac{c_k}{n},
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\int_{\mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}} \phi_k(s) C_0(s, t) \phi_k(t) ds dt$. Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E} \|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty - \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty\|_2^2 \lesssim \frac{1}{mn^2} \lambda^{-1/(2r)} + \frac{1}{n}$$

Next, consider $\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty\|_2^2$. Direct computation shows,

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty = \frac{1}{2} G_\lambda^{-1} [D^2 \ell_\infty(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty)(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty) - D^2 \ell_{mn}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty)(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty)]$$

By Lax-Milgram theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty\|_2^2 &\leq \sum_{k \geq 1} (1 + \lambda \rho_k^{-1})^{-2} \left[\frac{1}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^p (\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn}(\mathcal{T}_{ij}) - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty(\mathcal{T}_{ij})) \phi_k(\mathcal{T}_{ij}) - \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \int_{\mathcal{T}} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn}(s) - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty(s)) \phi_k(s) ds \right]^2 \leq \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{k \geq 1} (1 + \lambda \rho_k^{-1})^{-2} \lesssim \frac{1}{mnr \lambda^{-1/2r}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty\|_2^2 \lesssim \frac{1}{mn \lambda^{-1/2r}}.$$

$$\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_2^2 \lesssim \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty\|_2^2 + \|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda^\infty - \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty\|_2^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_2^2 \approx \frac{1}{mn\lambda^{-1/2r}} + \frac{1}{n}(\frac{1}{mn}\lambda^{-1/(2r)} + 1) + \lambda.$$

Take $\lambda \approx (nm)^{-2r/(2r+1)}$, we have $\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_2^2 \lesssim (nm)^{-2r/(2r+1)} + \frac{1}{n}$ as

desired. □

S2 Optimal Rate of Convergence under fixed design

Proof of Theorem 3. Consider a fixed design with given sampling nodes $\mathbb{S} = \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m$. There must exist an index i for which $\mathcal{T}_{i+1} - \mathcal{T}_i > \frac{1}{m}$. Let Ψ be a bump function defined as:

$$\Psi(x) = \begin{cases} \exp(-\frac{1}{1-x^2}), & x \in (-1, 1) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

It can be readily observed that

$$\int_{\mathcal{T}} [\Psi^{(r)}(t)]^2 dt < \infty$$

for all $r \in \mathbb{N}$. Define $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 = 0$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = m^{-2r}\Psi\left(m(\cdot - \frac{\mathcal{T}_{i+1} + \mathcal{T}_i}{2})\right)$. Direct calculation yields:

$$\int_{\mathcal{T}} [\boldsymbol{\beta}_2^{(r)}(t)]^2 dt = \int_{\mathcal{T}} [\Psi^{(r)}(t)]^2 dt < \infty,$$

$$\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 - \boldsymbol{\beta}_1\|_2^2 = \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_2\|_2^2 = m^{-2r}\|\Psi\|_2^2.$$

It is important to note that $\beta_1(s_i) = \beta_2(s_i)$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. Thus, under fixed design, β_1 and β_2 are indistinguishable by any regressor. Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{\hat{\beta}} \sup_{\beta \in \mathcal{H}} P \left(\left\| \hat{\beta} - \beta_0 \right\|_2^2 > cm^{-2r} \right) > 0.$$

This concludes the proof, as desired. □

Proof of Theorem 4. Define:

$$\begin{cases} v_n(\beta) = (mn)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho_\tau(y_i(\mathcal{T}_j) - \mathbf{x}_i^T \beta), \\ \beta_\lambda^{mn} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathcal{H}^p} v_n(\beta) + \lambda \|\beta\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2, \\ \|\beta\|_s^2 = (mp)^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m (\beta(\mathcal{T}_j))^T (\beta(\mathcal{T}_j)). \end{cases}$$

First we consider a pointwise estimator $\hat{b} \in (\mathbb{R}^m)^p$, which minimizes

$$(mn)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho_\tau(y_i(\mathcal{T}_j) - \mathbf{x}_i^T b_j).$$

By Newey and Powell (1987) Theorem 3,

$$(mp)^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^p (b_j^k - \beta_0^k(\mathcal{T}_j))^2 = O_p\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$$

Let $\tilde{b} \in \mathcal{L}_2^p$ be the linear interpolation of \hat{b} , which is defined as:

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$$\tilde{b}^k(t) = \begin{cases} b_1^k, & 0 \leq t \leq \mathcal{T}_1, \\ b_j^k \frac{\mathcal{T}_{j+1}-t}{\mathcal{T}_{j+1}-\mathcal{T}_j} + b_{j+1}^k \frac{t-\mathcal{T}_j}{\mathcal{T}_{j+1}-\mathcal{T}_j}, & \mathcal{T}_j \leq t \leq \mathcal{T}_{j+1}, \\ b_m^k, & \mathcal{T}_m \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Consider the solution of the following optimization problem:

$$\text{minimize } \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}$$

$$\text{subject to } f(x) = g(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{S}.$$

It is well known Green and Silverman (1993) that the solution of this optimization problem can be characterized as $T^r(g)$, where T^r is a bounded linear map from L_2 to \mathcal{H} satisfying $\|T^r(f) - f\|_2^2 \lesssim (\max_{0 \leq j \leq m} |\mathcal{T}_{j+1} - \mathcal{T}_j|^{2r}) \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$. We denote $T^r(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = T((\boldsymbol{\beta}^1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\beta}^p)) = ((T^r(\boldsymbol{\beta}^1), \dots, T^r(\boldsymbol{\beta}^p)))$, it's easy to verify that the boundness still holds.

The boundness leads to $\|T^r(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0) - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_2^2 \lesssim m^{-2r}$.

Define $\boldsymbol{\beta}^{mn} = T^r(\tilde{b})$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta}^\infty = T^r(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0)$.

$$\|\boldsymbol{\beta}^{mn}\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 = \|T^r(\tilde{b} + \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 \leq \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 + \|T^r(\tilde{b} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 < \infty.$$

Also, by DeVore and Lorentz (1993),

$$\|\boldsymbol{\beta}^{mn} - \boldsymbol{\beta}^\infty\|_2^2 \lesssim \|\tilde{b} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_2^2 \approx (mp)^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^p (b_j^k - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0^k(\mathcal{T}_j))^2 = O_p\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$$

By the definition of Penalized expectile RKHS estimator and $\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^\infty$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \boldsymbol{\beta}^\infty\|_2^2 &= \|T^r(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn}) - T^r(\boldsymbol{\beta}^\infty)\|_2^2 \\
&\lesssim \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \boldsymbol{\beta}^\infty\|_s^2 \\
&\lesssim (mn)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (y_i(\mathcal{T}_j) - \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn})^2 \\
&\approx (mn)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho_\tau(y_i(\mathcal{T}_j) - \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn}) \\
&\leq v_n(\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn}) + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn}\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 \\
&\leq v_n(\boldsymbol{\beta}^\infty) + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\beta}^\infty\|_{\mathcal{H}^p}^2 \\
&= O_p(\lambda + n^{-1})
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_2^2 \leq \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_\lambda^{mn} - \boldsymbol{\beta}^\infty\|_2^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\beta}^\infty - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0\|_2^2 = O_p(m^{-2r} + n^{-1} + \lambda).$$

As long as $\lambda \approx m^{-2r} + n^{-1}$, the lower bound is reached. \square

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