## Fast Nonparametric Maximum Likelihood Density Deconvolution Using Bernstein Polynomials

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### Supplementary Material

## **Additional Simulation Results**

Table 1: The square root multiplied by 100 of the mean integrated squared error.  $\hat{f}_{\rm P}$ , the parametric estimator;  $\hat{f}_{\rm B}$ , the proposed estimator;  $\hat{f}_{\rm F}$ , the inverse Fourier estimator;  $\tilde{f}_{\rm K}$ , the kernel density estimator based on the uncontaminated data, based on 1000 Monte Carlo runs with  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  being generated from normal and mixture normal distributions and errors  $\varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_n$  from N(0,  $\sigma_0^2$ ) and L(0,  $\sigma_0$ ). In the parametric models the variances are assumed to be known.  $\mathcal{M} = \{10, 11, \ldots, 100\}$  and n = 200.

		X	$\sim N(0,$	1)		$X \sim$	$X \sim 0.6 \mathrm{N}(-2, 1) + 0.4 \mathrm{N}(2, 0.8^2)$						
$\sigma_0$	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0			
	$\varepsilon \sim \mathrm{N}(0, \sigma_0^2)$												
$\hat{f}_{\rm P}$	2.72	2.93	3.17	3.48	3.68	4.09	4.31	4.75	5.45	6.35			
$\hat{f}_{\rm B}$	3.81	4.07	4.36	4.75	5.08	5.71	6.05	6.60	7.45	8.51			
$\hat{f}_{ m F}$	7.47	8.93	11.04	13.80	16.63	6.96	11.56	13.44	15.37	17.20			
$\tilde{f}_{\rm K}$	6.23	6.27	6.31	6.16	6.24	6.23	6.36	6.23	6.26	6.34			
$\overline{\varepsilon} \sim \mathcal{L}(0, \sigma_0)$													
$\hat{f}_{\rm P}$	2.78	3.14	3.62	3.78	4.51	4.26	4.71	5.46	6.38	7.56			
$\hat{f}_{\rm B}$	3.87	4.30	5.00	5.44	6.38	5.88	6.41	7.28	8.34	9.64			
$\hat{f}_{\mathrm{F}}$	11.69	17.39	22.97	27.59	31.42	10.32	15.03	18.19	22.40	25.94			
$\tilde{f}_{\rm K}$	6.23	6.09	6.12	6.33	6.23	6.34	6.24	6.34	6.31	6.26			

# Framingham Data

The Framingham data is from a study on coronary heart disease (Carroll et al., 2006) and consist of measurements of systolic blood pressure (SBP) in 1,615 males,  $Y_1$  taken at an examination and  $Y_2$  at an 8-year follow-up

Table 2: The square root multiplied by 100 of the mean integrated squared error.  $\hat{f}_{\rm P}$ , the parametric estimator;  $\hat{f}_{\rm B}$ , the proposed estimator;  $\hat{f}_{\rm F}$ , the inverse Fourier estimator;  $\tilde{f}_{\rm K}$ , the kernel density estimator based on the uncontaminated data, based on 1000 Monte Carlo runs with  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  being generated from the nearly normal distribution NN(4) and errors  $\varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_n$  from the normal N( $0, \sigma_0^2$ ) and Laplace L( $0, \sigma_0$ ). We assume the normal distribution N( $\mu, \sigma^2$ ) with known variance  $\sigma^2 = 1/48$  as the parametric model.  $\mathcal{M} = \{2, 3, \ldots, 100\}$  and n = 200.

	$\overline{X \sim \text{NN}(4),  \varepsilon \sim \text{N}(0, \sigma_0^2)}$							$X \sim NN(4), \ \varepsilon \sim L(0, \sigma_0)$					
$\sqrt{3}\sigma_0$	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25		0.05	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25		
$\hat{f}_{\mathrm{P}}$	8.34	8.61	9.13	9.94	10.60		8.50	9.34	10.13	11.15	11.73		
$\hat{f}_{\mathrm{B}}$	16.49	19.71	24.11	29.13	34.43		17.30	22.41	27.72	33.08	37.86		
$\hat{f}_{ m F}$	20.09	49.60	80.42	95.17	95.80		21.47	26.65	31.80	37.09	41.22		
$ ilde{f}_{\mathrm{K}}$	15.90	15.89	15.94	15.92	15.69		16.04	16.28	16.01	15.96	16.28		

Table 3: The square root multiplied by 100 of the mean integrated squared error.  $\hat{f}_{\rm P}$ , the parametric estimator;  $\hat{f}_{\rm B}$ , the proposed estimator;  $\hat{f}_{\rm F}$ , the inverse Fourier estimator;  $\tilde{f}_{\rm K}$ , the kernel density estimator based on the uncontaminated data, based on 1000 Monte Carlo runs with  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ , n = 100, being generated from the beta distribution with shapes (3.5, 5.5) and errors  $\varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_n$  from the normal N(0,  $\sigma_0^2$ ) and Laplace L(0,  $\sigma_0$ ). We used the method of moment estimators to obtain  $\hat{f}_{\rm P}$ .  $\mathcal{M} = \{2, 3, \ldots, 100\}$ 

	$X \sim \text{beta}(3.5, 5.5),  \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_0^2)$						$X \sim \text{beta}(3.5, 5.5), \ \varepsilon \sim L(0, \sigma_0)$						
$\sigma_0/\sigma$	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0		0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0		
$\hat{f}_{\mathrm{P}}$	16.55	19.25	21.60	24.72	27.17		15.42	17.04	18.81	21.80	29.56		
$\hat{f}_{\mathrm{B}}$	13.62	15.61	17.40	21.12	25.49		13.68	15.10	19.77	26.65	34.60		
$\hat{f}_{ m F}$	23.42	54.53	83.99	88.71	88.92		24.51	27.66	31.63	35.33	38.48		
$ ilde{f}_{\mathrm{K}}$	20.35	20.85	20.46	20.38	20.94		20.69	20.50	20.07	20.85	20.22		

examination after the first. At the *i*th examination, the SBP was measured twice,  $Y_{i1}$  and  $Y_{i2}$  (i = 1, 2), for each individual. Assuming normal error  $\varepsilon_i$ with mean zero for each individual, then  $\varepsilon_i$  and  $\tilde{\varepsilon}_i = (Y_{i1} - Y_{i2})/\sqrt{2}$  have the same distribution. Q-Q plots suggest that the mixture normal models  $\lambda_i N(0, \sigma_{i1}^2) + (1 - \lambda_i) N(0, \sigma_{i2}^2)$  fit better than single normals. After fitting  $\tilde{\varepsilon}_i$  with this mixture normal model we obtained  $\lambda_1 = 0.6592$ ,  $(\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{12}) =$  $(5.45, 10.67), \lambda_2 = 0.8227, \text{ and } (\sigma_{21}, \sigma_{22}) = (6.40, 12.55).$  We estimated the densities of  $Y_i$  based  $\bar{Y}_i = (Y_{i1} + Y_{i2})/2 = X_i + \bar{\varepsilon}_i$ , where  $\bar{\varepsilon}_i = (\varepsilon_{i1} + \varepsilon_{i2})/2$  has a population error distribution  $\lambda_i N(0, \sigma_{i1}^2/2) + (1 - \lambda_i) N(0, \sigma_{i2}^2/2), i = 1, 2.$ The Bernstein polynomial density estimates are obtained on interval [a, b] =[70, 270] using the optimal degree  $\hat{m} = 35$  selected from  $\mathbb{M} = \{5, 6, \dots, 100\}$ . The kernel density estimate  $f_{\rm F}$  is produced by R package decon (Wang and Wang, 2011). The parametric estimate  $\hat{f}_{\rm P}$  was obtained by maximum likelihood method using the log-normal model with the estimated mixture normal error distributions. We also calculated kernel density estimate  $\psi_{\rm K}$ by ignoring measurement errors. Figure 1 shows that the difference between  $\hat{f}_{\rm B}, \, \hat{f}_{\rm F}, \, \text{and} \, \psi_{\rm K}$  are noticeable.



Figure 1: Left (right) panel: Density deconvolution of the systolic blood pressure at the first(second) examination based on Framingham data,  $\hat{f}_{\rm F}$  is the inverse Fourier transform estimate(solid);  $\hat{f}_{\rm B}$  is the proposed estimate using Bernstein polynomial with m = 35(dashed);  $\hat{f}_{\rm P}$  is the parametric estimate using lognormal model;  $\tilde{\psi}_{\rm K}$  is the kernel estimate ignoring measurement errors (dotted).

#### **Proof of Proposition 1**

*Proof.* By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, for any function p (not necessarily density)

$$[p * g(y)]^2 \le f * g(y) \int \frac{p^2(x)}{f(x)} g(y - x) dx.$$
 (S0.1)

Applying (S0.1) with p = h - f

$$\begin{split} \chi^2(h*g\|f*g) &= \int \frac{[(h-f)*g(y)]^2}{f*g(y)} dy \leq \iint \frac{[h(x)-f(x)]^2}{f(x)} g(y-x) dx dy \\ &= \int \frac{[h(x)-f(x)]^2}{f(x)} dx = \chi^2(h\|f). \end{split}$$

Thus, part (i) is true. For part (ii) we have  $\chi^2(h * g || f * g) = 0$  iff h \* g(y) = f \* g(y) almost everywhere. Then, the characteristic functions of h and f are identical. This means that h and f are identical almost everywhere.  $\Box$ 

### Proof of Theorem 1.

Proof. By Theorem 1 of Lorentz (1963) we have  $f_0(x) - P_m(x) = R_m(x)$ , where  $P_m(x)$  is a polynomial with positive coefficients and  $|R_m(x)| \leq C_0(f)$  $m^{-(r+\alpha)/2}, 0 \leq x \leq 1$ . So  $f(x) - Q_{\tilde{m}}(x) = R_{\tilde{m}}(x)$ , where  $Q_{\tilde{m}}(x) = x^a(1-x)^b P_m(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{m}} a_i \cdot \beta_{\tilde{m}i}(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\tilde{m} = m+a+b$  with positive coefficients,  $R_{\tilde{m}}(x) = x^a(1-x)^b R_m(x)$ , and  $|R_{\tilde{m}}(x)| \leq C_0(f)m^{-(r+\alpha)/2}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . For large  $m, \rho_{\tilde{m}} := \int_0^1 R_{\tilde{m}}(x) dx \leq C_0(d, f)m^{-(r+\alpha)/2} < c_0 < 1$ . Because f(x) and  $\beta_{\tilde{m}i}(x)$  are densities on  $[0,1], \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{m}} a_i = 1 - \rho_{\tilde{m}} > 0$ . Normalizing  $a_i$  we obtain  $f_{\tilde{m}}(x; \mathbf{p}_0) = Q_{\tilde{m}}(x)/(1-\rho_{\tilde{m}}) = \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{m}} p_{0i}\beta_{\tilde{m}i}(x)$ , where  $p_{0i} = a_i/(1-\rho_{\tilde{m}})$ . Noticing that  $f_0(x) \geq b_0 > 0$ , we have

$$|f_{\tilde{m}}(x; \mathbf{p}_0) - f(x)| / f(x) = (1 - \rho_{\tilde{m}})^{-1} |R_{\tilde{m}}(x) / f(x) + \rho_{\tilde{m}}|$$
  
=  $(1 - \rho_{\tilde{m}})^{-1} |R_m(x) / f_0(x) + \rho_{\tilde{m}}|$   
 $\leq (1 - c_0)^{-1} C_0(f) (1 / \delta_0 + 1) m^{-(r+\alpha)/2}.$ 

Therefore, (A.2.) is implied. (A.1.) is implied by (A.2). The proof is complete.  $\hfill \Box$ 

### Proof of Theorem 2.

*Proof.* The approximate Bernstein log likelihood is

$$\ell(f_m) = \ell(\boldsymbol{p}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log[\psi_m(y_i; \boldsymbol{p})].$$

Define the log-likelihood ratio  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{p}) = \ell(f) - \ell(\mathbf{p})$ , where

$$\ell(f) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \psi(y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(f * g)(y_i).$$

Because  $\log(1+z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{z^k}{k}$ , |z| < 1, we have

$$\log(x) = \log a + \sum_{k=1}^{2} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{x-a}{a}\right)^{k} + R_{2}, \quad |x-a| < a, (S0.2)$$

where  $R_2 = \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{x-a}{a}\right)^k$ . Clearly,

$$|R_2| = \mathcal{O}\left(\left|\frac{x-a}{a}\right|^3\right) = o\left(\left|\frac{x-a}{a}\right|^2\right), \quad |x-a|/a \to 0.$$

Consider subset  $\mathcal{A}_m(\epsilon_n)$  of  $\mathbb{S}_m$  so that, for all  $y \in R$ ,  $|\psi_m(y; \mathbf{p}) - \psi(y)|/\psi(y) \le \epsilon_n < 1, \ 0 < \epsilon_n \searrow 0$  slowly, as  $n \to \infty$ , e.g.,  $\epsilon_n = 1/\log(n+2)$ . Clearly  $\mathbf{p}_0 \in \mathcal{A}_m(\epsilon_n)$  for large  $m, \ \mathcal{A}_m(\epsilon_n)$  is nonempty. By (S0.2) we have

$$\mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{p}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ Z_i(\boldsymbol{p}) - \frac{1}{2} Z_i^2(\boldsymbol{p}) \right] + o(R_{mn}(\boldsymbol{p})), \ a.s.,$$

where  $R_{mn}(\boldsymbol{p}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_i^2(\boldsymbol{p})$ , and  $Z_i(\boldsymbol{p}) = [\psi_m(y_i; \boldsymbol{p}) - \psi(y_i)]/\psi(y_i), i \in \mathbb{I}_1^n$ . Because  $\mathbb{E}[Z_i(\boldsymbol{p})] = 0, \sigma^2[Z_i(\boldsymbol{p})] = \mathbb{E}[Z_i^2(\boldsymbol{p})] = D^2(\boldsymbol{p})$ , by the law of iterated logarithm(LIL) we have, for all  $\boldsymbol{p} \in \mathcal{A}_m(\epsilon_n)$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_i(\boldsymbol{p}) / \sigma[Z_i(\boldsymbol{p})] = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n \log \log n}), \quad a.s..$$

By the Kolmogorov's strong law of large numbers we have, for all  $p \in \mathcal{A}_m(\epsilon_n)$ ,

$$\mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{p}) = \frac{n}{2}D^2(\boldsymbol{p}) - \mathcal{O}(D(\boldsymbol{p})\sqrt{n\log\log n}) + o(nD^2(\boldsymbol{p})), a.s..$$
(S0.3)

If  $D^2(\mathbf{p}) = r_n = \log n/n$  for some  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{A}_m(\epsilon_n)$  then, by (S0.3), there is an  $\eta > 0$  such that  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{p}) \ge \eta \log n$ , a.s.. At  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}_0$ , if  $m = Cn^{1/k}$  we have  $D^2(\mathbf{p}_0) = \chi^2(\psi_m(\cdot;\mathbf{p}_0) \|\psi) = \mathcal{O}(m^{-k}) = \mathcal{O}(n^{-1})$ . By (S0.3) again we have  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{p}_0) = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\log \log n})$ , a.s.. Therefore, similar to the proof of Lemma 1 of Qin and Lawless (1994), we have

$$D^{2}(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}}) = \int_{S_{\psi}} \frac{[\psi_{m}(y; \hat{\boldsymbol{p}}) - \psi(y)]^{2}}{\psi(y)} dy < \frac{\log n}{n}, a.s.,$$

and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{p}} \in \mathcal{A}_m(\epsilon_n)$ . The proof is complete.

In order to prove Theorem 3 we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** If  $f \in C^{(r)}[0,1]$  and  $f(x) \geq b_0 > 0$  on [0,1], then, for m large enough, there exists  $f_m(x; \mathbf{p}_0)$  that fulfills both (A1) and (A2) and with coefficients satisfying  $0 < c_0 < (m+1)p_{i0} < c_1 < \infty$ .

*Proof.* Lorentz (1963) proved that, under the conditions of his Theorem 1, for r = 0, 1, 2, ..., there exist polynomials of the form, using his notations,

$$Q_{nr}^{f}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left\{ f(\frac{k}{n}) + \sum_{i=2}^{r} f^{(i)}(\frac{k}{n}) \frac{1}{n^{i}} \tau_{ri}(x,n) \right\} b_{nk}(x)$$
(S0.4)

such that for each function with first r continuous derivatives

 $|f(x) - Q_{nr}^f(x)| \le C_r' \Delta_n^r \omega_r(\Delta_n);$ 

 $C'_r$  depends only upon r. The  $\tau_{ri}(x, n)$  are some polynomials in x and n, independent of f, in x of degree i, in n of degree  $[i/2] = \lfloor i/2 \rfloor$ .

Assuming that  $f(x) \ge b_0 > 0$ , Lorentz (1963) then proved that  $Q_{nr}^f(x)$  is a polynomial with positive coefficients of degree n + r (see Remark (a) of Lorentz, 1963).

Assuming that  $f^{(i)}(\frac{k}{n})$  are all bounded as in Theorem 1 of Lorentz (1963), we know that, for  $r \geq 2$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{kr}(x, n^{-1}) := \sum_{i=2}^{r} f^{(i)}(\frac{k}{n}) \frac{1}{n^{i}} \tau_{ri}(x, n)$  is a polynomial of degree r with coefficients  $c_{ki} = \mathcal{O}(n^{-1}), i = 0, \ldots, r$ . By Remark (a) of Lorentz (1963), for large n,

$$f(\frac{k}{n}) + \tilde{Q}_{kr}(x, n^{-1}) = \sum_{j=0}^{r} [f(\frac{k}{n}) + a_{kj}] b_{rj}(x),$$

where, uniformly in  $k \in \{0, \ldots, n\}$ ,

$$a_{kj} = {\binom{r}{j}}^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{j} c_{ki} {\binom{r-i}{j-i}} = \mathcal{O}(n^{-1}), \quad j = 0, \dots, r.$$

Thus, for large n, we have

$$Q_{nr}^{f}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left\{ f(\frac{k}{n}) + \sum_{j=0}^{r} a_{kj} b_{rj}(x) \right\} b_{nk}(x)$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} f(\frac{k}{n}) b_{nk}(x) + \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{r} a_{kj} b_{rj}(x) b_{nk}(x),$$

where

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} f(\frac{k}{n}) b_{nk}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+r} \alpha_{n+r,k} b_{n+r,k}(x)$$

with coefficients

$$\alpha_{n+r,j} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \frac{\binom{n}{i}\binom{r}{j-i}}{\binom{n+r}{j}} f(\frac{i}{n}) \ge \min_{0 \le x \le 1} f(x), \quad j = 0, \dots, n+r.$$
(S0.5)

Let  $V_{nrj}$  be a random variable having hypergeometric distribution. Then

$$\alpha_{n+r,j} = \mathbf{E}\left[f(\frac{V_{nrj}}{n})\right], \quad j = 0, \dots, n+r.$$

Thus

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{r} a_{kj} b_{rj}(x) b_{nk}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{r} a_{kj} \binom{r}{j} \binom{n}{k} x^{j+k} (1-x)^{n+r-j-k}$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{r} \frac{a_{kj} \binom{r}{j} \binom{n}{k}}{\binom{n+r}{j+k}} b_{n+r,j+k}(x)$$
$$\xrightarrow{l=j+k} \sum_{l=0}^{n+r} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{a_{k,l-k} \binom{r}{l-k} \binom{n}{k}}{\binom{n+r}{l}} b_{n+r,l}(x).$$

Consequently

$$Q_{nr}^{f}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+r} c_{n+r,k} b_{n+r,k}(x), \qquad (S0.6)$$

where

$$c_{n+r,j} = \alpha_{n+r,j} + \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{a_{k,j-k} {\binom{r}{j-k}} {\binom{n}{k}}}{\binom{n+r}{j}}$$
  
=  $\sum_{i=0}^{n} \frac{\binom{n}{i} \binom{r}{j-i}}{\binom{n+r}{j}} f(\frac{i}{n}) + \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{a_{k,j-k} \binom{r}{j-k} \binom{n}{k}}{\binom{n+r}{j}}$   
=  $\sum_{i=0}^{n} \frac{\binom{n}{i} \binom{r}{j-i}}{\binom{n+r}{j}} [f(\frac{i}{n}) + a_{i,j-i}], \quad j = 0, \dots, n+r.$ 

Because

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} \frac{\binom{n}{i}\binom{r}{j-i}}{\binom{n+r}{j}} = 1$$

we have, for  $j = 0, \ldots, n + r$ ,

$$c_{n+r,j} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n} \frac{\binom{n}{i}\binom{r}{j-i}}{\binom{n+r}{j}} f(\frac{i}{n}) + \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} |a_{i,j-i}|$$
  
=  $\alpha_{n+r,j} + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1}),$   
$$\min_{x \in [0,1]} f(x) + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1}) \leq c_{n+r,j} \leq \max_{x \in [0,1]} f(x) + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1}).$$

Therefore, for all large n and some  $\eta > 0$ ,

$$c_{n+r,j} \ge \alpha_{n+r,j} + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1})$$
  

$$\ge \min_{0 \le x \le 1} f(x) + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1})$$
  

$$\ge \eta \min_{0 \le x \le 1} f(x) > 0, \quad j = 0, \dots, n+r.$$

Combining the above with the proof of Theorem 1, we can easily see that  $p_{0i}(m+1) = c_{n+r,j}/(1-\rho_{n+r}) \geq \eta \min_{0 \leq x \leq 1} f(x)/(1-\rho_{n+r}) := c_0 > 0,$ m = n+r. Similarly,  $p_{0i}(m+1) \leq c_1$ .

### Proof of Theorem 3.

*Proof.* The following identities are useful in this proof that, for  $a \neq 0$  and  $x \neq 0$ ,

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{a-x}{ax} = \frac{1}{a} \left( 1 + \frac{a-x}{a} \right) + \frac{1}{x} \left( \frac{a-x}{a} \right)^2.$$
(S0.7)

Define an empirical Fisher information matrix

$$\widehat{\mathcal{J}}_m(\boldsymbol{p}) = [\widehat{J}_m^{ij}(\boldsymbol{p})] = -\left[\frac{\partial S_{mn}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{p})}{\partial p_j}\right],$$

where

$$\widehat{J}_m^{ij}(\boldsymbol{p}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^n \frac{\psi_{mi}(y_l)\psi_{mj}(y_l)}{\psi_m^2(y_l; \boldsymbol{p})}, \quad i, j \in \mathbb{I}_0^m.$$

In order to estimate the order of  $\mathbb{R}_n = \mathcal{I}_m(f,g)(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}} - \boldsymbol{p}_0)$ , we need to estimate

 $\bar{\mathbb{R}}_n = \widehat{\mathcal{J}}_m(\boldsymbol{p}_0)(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}} - \boldsymbol{p}_0) \text{ and } \bar{\mathbb{R}}_n - \mathbb{R}_n.$ Define  $V_{mi}(Y) = \psi_{mi}(Y)/\psi(Y).$  Then  $\mathbb{E}[V_{mi}(Y)] = 1$  and  $\sigma_{mi}^2 \equiv \sigma^2 [V_{mi}(Y)] \equiv \tau_{mi}^2 - 1.$  Thus, the LIL ensures that, for all  $i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ ,

$$\Sigma_{mn}^{(i)} \equiv n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n} V_{mi}(y_j) = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\sigma_{mi}\sqrt{\log\log n/n}), \ a.s.$$
(S0.8)

It is necessary and sufficient (Redner and Walker, 1984) for  $\hat{p}$  to maximize  $\ell(\boldsymbol{p})$  that  $S_{mn}^{(i)}(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}}) \leq 1, i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ , with equality when  $\hat{p}_i > 0$ , where  $S_{mn}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{p}) = n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \psi_{mi}(y_j) / \psi_m(y_j; \boldsymbol{p})$ . Thus we have, for all  $i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ ,

$$\hat{p}_i S_{mn}^{(i)}(\hat{p}) = \hat{p}_i.$$
 (S0.9)

**Estimation of**  $\bar{\mathbb{R}}_n$ : First, we estimate the differences  $\Sigma_{mn}^{(i)} - S_{mn}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{p}_0)$  and  $S_{mn}^{(i)}(p_0) - 1.$ 

For each  $i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ , by (A.1.) and the first equation of (S0.7)

$$S_{mn}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{p}_0) - \Sigma_{mn}^{(i)} = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\psi_{mi}(y_j) Z_j(\boldsymbol{p}_0)}{\psi_m(y_j; \boldsymbol{p}_0)} = \mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2}) S_{mn}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{p}_0), \quad (S0.10)$$

Then, we have, for all  $i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ ,

$$\tilde{R}_{ni}^* \equiv S_{mn}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{p}_0) - \Sigma_{mn}^{(i)} = \mathcal{O}(\Sigma_{mn}^{(i)} n^{-1/2}) = \mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2}) + \mathcal{O}(\sigma_{mi}\sqrt{\log\log n}/n), \ a.s.$$
(S0.11)

Combining (S0.8) through (S0.11) we obtain, a.s., for all  $i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ ,

$$\tilde{R}_{ni} \equiv S_{mn}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{p}_0) - 1 = \mathcal{O}(\sigma_{mi}\sqrt{\log\log n/n}) + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2}).$$
(S0.12)

Secondly, we obtain an asymptotic expression for  $\mathbb{R}_n$  and use it to get an estimate. By (S0.9) and (S0.7) again, we have, for all  $i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ ,

$$\hat{p}_i = \hat{p}_i S_{mn}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{p}_0) - \hat{p}_i \sum_{j=0}^m \widehat{J}_m^{ij}(\boldsymbol{p}_0)(\hat{p}_j - p_{j0}) + \hat{R}_{ni}, \qquad (S0.13)$$

where, by (3),

$$\hat{R}_{ni} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{\hat{p}_i \psi_{mi}(y_j)}{\psi_m(y_j; \hat{\boldsymbol{p}})} \frac{\left[\psi_m(y_j; \boldsymbol{p}_0) - \psi_m(y_j; \hat{\boldsymbol{p}})\right]^2}{\psi_m^2(y_j; \boldsymbol{p}_0)} = \mathcal{O}(\log n/n), \ a.s.$$
(S0.14)

Combining (S0.12) and (S0.13), we have, for all  $i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ ,

$$\hat{p}_i \sum_{j=0}^m \widehat{J}_m^{ij}(\boldsymbol{p}_0)(\hat{p}_j - p_{j0}) = \hat{p}_i \tilde{R}_{ni} + \hat{R}_{ni}, \ a.s.$$
(S0.15)

Defining

$$\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{n} = \text{diag} \Big\{ \sum_{j=0}^{m} \widehat{J}_{m}^{0j}(\boldsymbol{p}_{0})(\hat{p}_{j} - p_{j0}), \dots, \sum_{j=0}^{m} \widehat{J}_{m}^{mj}(\boldsymbol{p}_{0})(\hat{p}_{j} - p_{j0}) \Big\}, \quad (S0.16)$$

 $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_n = (\Sigma_0, \dots, \Sigma_m)^{\mathrm{T}}, \ \tilde{\boldsymbol{R}}_n = (\tilde{R}_{n0}, \dots, \tilde{R}_{nm})^{\mathrm{T}}, \text{ and } \hat{\boldsymbol{R}}_n = (\hat{R}_{n0}, \dots, \hat{R}_{nm})^{\mathrm{T}},$ we have, in matrix form,

$$\Pi_0 \widehat{\mathcal{J}}_m(\boldsymbol{p}_0)(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}} - \boldsymbol{p}_0) = \hat{\Pi} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{R}}_n + \hat{\boldsymbol{R}}_n - \boldsymbol{\Delta}_n(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}} - \boldsymbol{p}_0), \qquad (S0.17)$$

where  $\Pi_0 = \text{diag}(p_{00}, \ldots, p_{m0})$  and  $\hat{\Pi} = \text{diag}(\hat{p}_0, \ldots, \hat{p}_m)$ . Because  $f(x) \ge b_0 > 0$ , by Lemma 1,  $0 < c_0 < (m+1)p_{i0} < c_1 < \infty$ . The *i*th component of  $\Delta_n$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{mn}^{(i)} &= \sum_{j=0}^{m} \widehat{J}_{m}^{ij}(\boldsymbol{p}_{0})(\hat{p}_{j} - p_{j0}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \frac{\psi_{mi}(y_{l})}{\psi_{m}^{2}(y_{l};\boldsymbol{p}_{0})} [\psi_{m}(y_{l};\hat{\boldsymbol{p}}) - \psi_{m}(y_{l};\boldsymbol{p}_{0})]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta_{mn}^{(i)}| &\leq p_{i0}^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \frac{|\psi_m(y_l; \hat{\boldsymbol{p}}) - \psi_m(y_l; \boldsymbol{p}_0)|}{\psi_m(y_l; \boldsymbol{p}_0)} \\ &\leq p_{i0}^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \frac{|\psi_m(y_l; \hat{\boldsymbol{p}}) - \psi_m(y_l; \boldsymbol{p}_0)|^2}{\psi_m^2(y_l; \boldsymbol{p}_0)} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \mathcal{O}(p_{i0}^{-1} \sqrt{\log n/n}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have an asymptotic expression  $\bar{\mathbb{R}}_n = \Pi_0^{-1} [\hat{\Pi} \tilde{\boldsymbol{R}}_n + \hat{\boldsymbol{R}}_n - \boldsymbol{\Delta}_n (\hat{\boldsymbol{p}} - \boldsymbol{p}_0)]$  and

$$\|\bar{\mathbb{R}}_{n}\|^{2} = \mathcal{O}\Big(\sum_{i=0}^{m} \frac{\hat{p}_{i}^{2}}{p_{i0}^{2}} \sigma_{mi}^{2} \frac{\log \log n}{n}\Big) + \mathcal{O}\Big(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{m} \frac{\hat{p}_{i}^{2}}{p_{i0}^{2}}\Big) + \mathcal{O}\Big(\sum_{i=0}^{m} p_{i0}^{-2} \Big(\frac{\hat{p}_{i}}{p_{i0}} - 1\Big)^{2} \frac{\log n}{n}\Big).$$
(S0.18)

Because  $0 < c_0 < (m+1)p_{i0} < c_1 < \infty$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m p_{i0}^{-2}(\hat{p}_i/p_{i0}-1)^2 = \mathcal{O}(m^4) = \mathcal{O}(n^{4/k})$ . By (2), we have

$$\|\bar{\mathbb{R}}_n\|^2 = \mathcal{O}\left(m^2 \sum_{i=0}^m \sigma_{mi}^2 \frac{\log\log n}{n}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\log n}{n^{1-4/k}}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\log n}{n^{1-4/k}}\right).$$
(S0.19)

**Estimation of**  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_n - \mathbb{R}_n$ : First, we find an asymptotic expression of  $\mathbb{R}_n$ .

It is easy to show that there is a constant c > 0 such that  $\psi_m(y; \mathbf{p}_0) \ge c\psi(y)$  and

$$\begin{split} |\hat{I}_{m}^{ij} - \hat{J}_{m}^{ij}(\boldsymbol{p}_{0})| &= \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \frac{\psi_{mi}(y_{l})\psi_{mj}(y_{l})}{\psi^{2}(y_{l})} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \frac{\psi_{mi}(y_{l})\psi_{mj}(y_{l})}{\psi_{m}^{2}(y_{l};\boldsymbol{p}_{0})} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1+c}{c^{2}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \frac{\psi_{mi}(y_{l})\psi_{mj}(y_{l})|\psi_{m}(y_{l};\boldsymbol{p}_{0}) - \psi(y_{l})|}{\psi^{3}(y_{l})} \\ &\leq \frac{1+c}{c^{2}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \frac{\psi_{mi}(y_{l})\psi_{mj}(y_{l})}{\psi^{2}(y_{l})} \mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2}) \\ &= \hat{I}_{m}^{ij} \mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2}), \end{split}$$

where  $\hat{I}_{m}^{ij} = n^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \psi_{mi}(y_l) \psi_{mj}(y_l) / \psi^2(y_l)$ . We have

$$\bar{R}_{ni}^{(1)} = \hat{I}_m^{ij} - \hat{J}_m^{ij}(\boldsymbol{p}_0) = \hat{I}_m^{ij}\mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2}).$$

Let  $W_{ij}(Y) = \frac{\psi_{mi}(Y)\psi_{mj}(Y)}{\psi^2(Y)}$ . Then  $\hat{I}_m^{ij} = n^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^n W_{ij}(y_l)$  and  $\mathcal{I}_m(f,g) = E[\hat{\mathcal{I}}_m(f,g)] = [E\{W_{ij}(Y)\}]$ . Define

$$\varrho_{ij}^2 = \sigma^2 \{ W_{ij}(Y) \} = \int \frac{\psi_{mi}^2(y)\psi_{mj}^2(y)}{\psi^3(y)} dy - [I_m^{ij}(f,g)]^2.$$

By the LIL,

$$\bar{R}_{ni}^{(2)} = \hat{I}_m^{ij} - I_m^{ij} = \mathcal{O}\left(\varrho_{ij}\sqrt{\log\log n/n}\right).$$

We have

$$\begin{split} \hat{J}_{m}^{ij}(\boldsymbol{p}_{0}) &= \hat{I}_{m}^{ij}[1 + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2})] \\ &= [I_{m}^{ij} + \mathcal{O}(\varrho_{ij}\sqrt{\log\log n/n})][1 + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2})] \\ &= I_{m}^{ij}[1 + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2})] + \mathcal{O}(\varrho_{ij}\sqrt{\log\log n/n})[1 + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2})] \\ &= I_{m}^{ij} + \mathcal{O}(I_{m}^{ij}n^{-1/2}) + \mathcal{O}(\varrho_{ij}\sqrt{\log\log n/n}). \end{split}$$

Replacing  $\widehat{\mathcal{J}}_m(\boldsymbol{p}_0)$  by  $\mathcal{I}_m$  in (S0.17) we get

 $\Pi_0 \mathbb{R}_n = \Pi_0 \mathcal{I}_m (\hat{\boldsymbol{p}} - \boldsymbol{p}_0) = \hat{\Pi} \tilde{\boldsymbol{R}}_n + \hat{\boldsymbol{R}}_n - \boldsymbol{\Delta}_n (\hat{\boldsymbol{p}} - \boldsymbol{p}_0) - \Pi_0 \bar{\boldsymbol{R}}_n,$ (S0.20)

where  $\bar{\boldsymbol{R}}_n = (\bar{R}_{n0}, \dots, \bar{R}_{nm})^{\mathrm{T}}$  and

$$|\bar{R}_{in}| \leq \sum_{j=0}^{m} [\mathcal{O}(I_m^{ij}n^{-1/2}) + \mathcal{O}(\varrho_{ij}\sqrt{\log\log n/n})]|\hat{p}_j - p_{j0}|$$
$$= \mathcal{O}(\sum_{j=0}^{m} I_m^{ij}|\hat{p}_j - p_{j0}|n^{-1/2}) + \mathcal{O}(\sum_{j=0}^{m} \varrho_{ij}|\hat{p}_j - p_{j0}|\sqrt{\log\log n/n})$$

Thus, we have  $\bar{\mathbf{R}}_n = \bar{\mathbb{R}}_n - \mathbb{R}_n$ . Secondly, we estimate  $\bar{\mathbf{R}}_n$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j=0}^{m} I_{m}^{ij} |\hat{p}_{j} - p_{j0}| &\leq \int \frac{\psi_{mi}(y) [|\psi_{m}(y; \hat{p})| + |\psi_{m}(y; p_{0})|]}{\psi(y)} dy \\ &\leq 2 + \int \frac{\psi_{mi}(y) [|\psi_{m}(y; \hat{p}) - \psi(y)| + |\psi_{m}(y; p_{0}) - \psi(y)|]}{\psi(y)} dy \\ &\leq 2 + \left[ \int \frac{\psi_{mi}^{2}(y)}{\psi(y)} dy \int \frac{[\psi_{m}(y; \hat{p}) - \psi(y)]^{2}}{\psi(y)} dy \right]^{1/2} \\ &+ \left[ \int \frac{\psi_{mi}^{2}(y)}{\psi(y)} dy \int \frac{[\psi_{m}(y; p_{0}) - \psi(y)]^{2}}{\psi(y)} dy \right]^{1/2} \\ &= 2 + \tau_{mi} \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\log n/n}). \end{split}$$

Because  $\beta_{mi}(x) \leq m+1$  and  $f \geq b_0 > 0$ ,

$$\psi_{mi}(u) \le (m+1) \int_0^1 g(y-x) dx \le \frac{m+1}{b_0} \int_0^1 f(x) g(y-x) dx = \frac{m+1}{b_0} \psi(y).$$
  
Thus

$$\varrho_{ij}^2 < \int \frac{\psi_{mi}^2(y)\psi_{mj}^2(y)}{\psi^3(y)} dy \le \left(\frac{m+1}{b_0}\right)^2 I_m^{ij}(f,g),$$

$$\left[\sum_{j=0}^{m} \varrho_{ij} |\hat{p}_j - p_{j0}|\right]^2 \le \sum_{j=0}^{m} \varrho_{ij}^2 (\hat{p}_j + p_{j0}) \le \left(\frac{m+1}{b_0}\right)^2 \sum_{j=0}^{m} I_m^{ij} (\hat{p}_j + p_{j0})$$
$$= \mathcal{O}(m^2) + \mathcal{O}(m^2 \tau_{mi} \sqrt{\log n/n}).$$

Therefore, we have

$$\bar{R}_{in} = \mathcal{O}(n^{-1/2}) + \mathcal{O}(\tau_{mi}\sqrt{\log n/n}) + \mathcal{O}\left(m(\log n/n)^{1/4}\sqrt{\tau_{mi}\log\log n/n}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(m\sqrt{\log\log n/n}\right),$$

and

$$\|\bar{\boldsymbol{R}}_n\|^2 = \mathcal{O}(mn^{-1}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\sum_{i=0}^m \tau_{mi}^2 \log n/n\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(m^2 \sum_{i=0}^m \tau_{mi} \sqrt{\log n} \log \log n/n^{3/2}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(m^3 \log \log n/n\right).$$

By (2) we have

$$\|\bar{\boldsymbol{R}}_n\|^2 = \mathcal{O}(n^{-1+1/k}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\log n/n^{1-2/k}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\log n}\log\log n/n^{3/2-7/2k}\right)$$
$$+ \mathcal{O}\left(\log\log n/n^{1-3/k}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(n^{-1+3/k}\log\log n\right).$$

Finally, combining this with (S0.19) and  $\|\mathbb{R}_n\|^2 \leq 2\|\bar{\mathbb{R}}_n\|^2 + 2\|\bar{\mathbb{R}}_n\|^2$  we get (6). For the integrated squared error, we have, a.s.,

$$(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}}-\boldsymbol{p}_0)^{\mathrm{T}}\mathcal{I}_m(1,\delta)(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}}-\boldsymbol{p}_0) = \mathbb{R}_n^{\mathrm{T}}\tilde{\Omega}_m(f,g)\mathbb{R}_n.$$

The proof is complete.

### Proof of Theorem 4.

*Proof.* Because the largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_m$  of  $\Omega_m(f,g)$  is also the largest eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{I}_m^{-2}(f,g)\mathcal{I}_m(f,\delta)$ . Let  $\boldsymbol{w}$  be the associated eigenvector satisfying  $\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{w} = 1$ . Then, we have

$$\lambda_m = \frac{\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{I}_m(f, \delta) \boldsymbol{w}}{\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{I}_m^2(f, g) \boldsymbol{w}}.$$
 (S0.21)

From  $f(x) = f_0(x) \ge b_0 > 0$ , it follows that  $I_m^{ij}(f, \delta) \le b_0^{-1}(m+1), \forall i, j \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ . Thus, by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we have

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{I}_m(f,\delta) \boldsymbol{w} \le b_0^{-1} (m+1)^2.$$
(S0.22)

Denote,  $\boldsymbol{v} = \mathcal{I}_m(f,g)\boldsymbol{w} = (v_0,\ldots,v_m)^{\mathrm{T}}$ . Then  $\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathcal{I}_m^2(f,g)\boldsymbol{w} = \boldsymbol{v}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{v} = \sum_{i=0}^m v_i^2 \geq (m+1)^{-1}(\sum_{i=0}^m v_i)^2 = (m+1)^{-1}(\mathbf{1}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathcal{I}_m(f,g)\boldsymbol{w})^2$ . Define function of  $\boldsymbol{x} = (x_0,\ldots,x_m)^{\mathrm{T}}$ ,

$$H(\boldsymbol{x}) = \int \frac{\psi_0(y)\psi_m(y;\boldsymbol{x})}{\psi(y)} dy,$$

where  $\psi_0(y) = (1 * g)(y) = \int_0^1 g(y - x) dx$  and  $\psi_m(y; \boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{i=0}^m w_i \psi_{mi}(y) = \sum_{i=0}^m x_i \int_0^1 \beta_{mi}(x) g(y - x) dx$ . By binomial theorem we have

$$\boldsymbol{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{I}_m^2(f,g) \boldsymbol{w} \ge (m+1) H^2(\boldsymbol{w}).$$
(S0.23)

Clearly  $H^2(\boldsymbol{x})$  attains its minimum on the unit sphere at some  $\boldsymbol{x}_0$  satisfying  $x_{i0} = H(\boldsymbol{e}_i)/H(\boldsymbol{x}_0), i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ , where  $\boldsymbol{e}_i$  denotes the vector with a 1 in the *i*th coordinate and 0's elsewhere. Because  $H(\boldsymbol{e}_i) > 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ , we can assume that all  $x_{i0}$ 's are positive. Since g is nonvanishing, nonincreasing on  $(0, \infty)$  and nondecreasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$ , for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$g(y-x) \ge \begin{cases} \min\{g(-1), g(1)\}, & \text{if } y \in (0,1); \\ g(y-1), & \text{if } y \le 0; \\ g(y), & \text{if } y \ge 1. \end{cases}$$

There exists a constant  $C_1 > 0$  so that  $\psi(y) \leq C_1$  for all  $y \in (-\infty, \infty)$ . Hence we have, for all  $i \in \mathbb{I}_0^m$ ,  $\int \frac{\psi_0(y)\psi_{mi}(y)}{\psi(y)} dy \geq C_0/C_1$ , where

$$C_0 = \min\{g^2(-1), g^2(1)\} + \int_{-\infty}^{-1} g^2(y) dy + \int_{1}^{\infty} g^2(y) dy > 0.$$

Consequently,

$$H(\boldsymbol{x}_0) \ge \frac{C_0}{C_1} \sum_{i=0}^m x_{i0} \ge \frac{C_0}{C_1} \sum_{i=0}^m x_{i0}^2 = \frac{C_0}{C_1}.$$

Combining this with (S0.21) through (S0.23) we obtain

$$\lambda_m \le \frac{m+1}{b_0 H^2(\boldsymbol{x}_0)} \le \frac{C_1^2(m+1)}{b_0 C_0^2} = \mathcal{O}(m).$$

Similarly  $\tilde{\lambda}_m = \mathcal{O}(m)$ . These combined with (4), (5), and (A.2.) ensure (7) and (8). The proof is complete.

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