

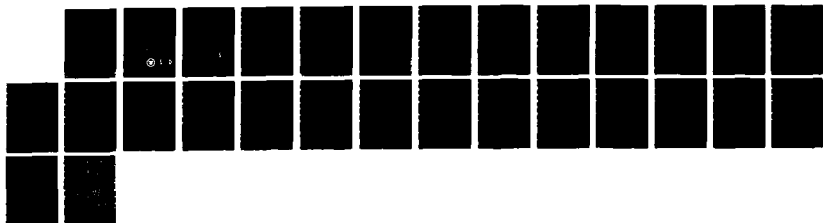
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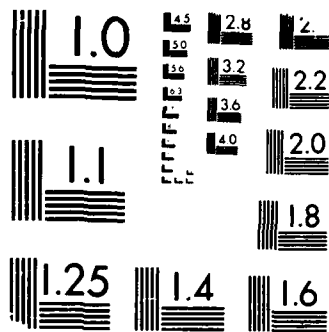
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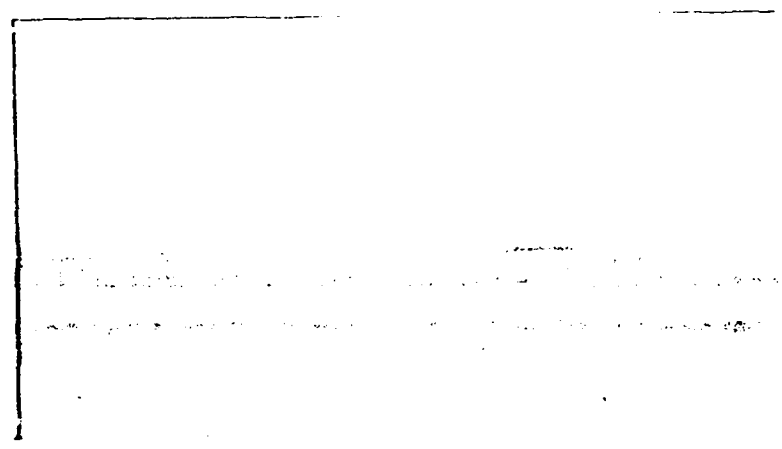
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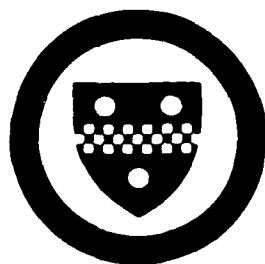
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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Suppose that $X_1, \dots, X_n$ are i.i.d. samples of a d -dimensional random vector X . Throughout this paper, we shall denote by F the distribution of X , f the probability density function of X , $X^n = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, and F_n the empirical distribution of X^n .

Let $f_n \equiv f_n(x) \equiv f_n(x; X^n)$ be an estimate of f based on X^n .

For any constant $r \geq 1$, define

$$m_{nr} \equiv m_{nr}(X^n) \equiv \int |f_n(x) - f(x)|^r dx. \quad (1)$$

Here and in the sequel, $\int$ means $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d}$. $m_{nr}^{1/r}$, to be called the L_r -norm of $f_n - f$, is a much - studied criterion in evaluating the performance of a density estimator. Quite a number of works have been done on the problem of convergence (to zero) of m_{nr} as the sample size n tends to infinity. We say that f_n is a L_r -norm consistent estimator of f if $m_{nr} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in some sense.

For the kernel estimator

$$f_n(x) \equiv (nh_n^d)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n K(h_n^{-1}(x - X_i)),$$

where the kernel is assumed to be a probability density, Devroye [8] proved that the necessary and sufficient conditions for

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m_{n1} = 0, \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (2)$$

are that $h_n \rightarrow 0$, $nh_n^d \rightarrow \infty$. Bai and Chen [3] solved the general case of $r \geq 1$, proving that the necessary and sufficient conditions for



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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m_{nr} = 0, \quad \text{a.s. for some } r \geq 1 \quad (3)$$

are that

$$h_n \rightarrow 0, \quad nh_n^d \rightarrow \infty, \quad \int f^r(x) dx < \infty, \quad \int K^r(u) du < \infty.$$

In the case of k_n -nearest neighbor estimator proposed by Loftsgarden and Quesenberry [10], Zhao Yue [12] proved that a sufficient condition for (3) in case of $r > 1$ is that

$$k_n/n \rightarrow 0, \quad k_n/\log n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \int f^r(x) dx < \infty \quad (4)$$

while the first and last in (4), and also that $k_n \rightarrow \infty$, are necessary for the truth of (3) ($r > 1$).

Another important type of density-estimator is the histogram - ordinary histogram and data-based histogram. In ordinary histogram, the partitioning of range space of X, R^d , is done prior to the drawing of samples X^n . For this case, Abou-Jaoude [1], [2] (see also Devroye and Györfi [9], pp.19-23) obtained the necessary and sufficient conditions (imposed on the partition) for the truth of (2). Chen and Zhao [7] solved the general case of $r \geq 1$, for the particular partition

$$R^d = \bigcup_{k_1, \dots, k_d = -\infty}^{\infty} \{x = (x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(d)}) : a_i + k_i h_n \leq x^{(i)} < a_i + (k_i + 1)h_n, \\ 1 \leq i \leq d\}.$$

Data-based histogram differs from the ordinary one in that the partition of space R^d defining the density estimate depends on the observations X^n . Thus, after obtaining X^n , we make a partition of R^d :

$$\Phi_n \equiv \{I(\ell, X^n) : \ell = 1, 2, \dots\} \\ \left(\bigcup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} I(\ell, X^n) = R^d, \quad I(j, X^n) \cap I(k, X^n) = \emptyset \quad \text{when } j \neq k \right).$$

In this paper we consider only the case that $I(\ell, X^n)$, $\ell = 1, 2, \dots$, are intervals in R^d of the form

$$[a_1, b_1) \times [a_2, b_2) \times \dots \times [a_d, b_d), \quad -\infty \leq a_i < b_i \leq \infty, \quad 1 \leq i \leq d.$$

For each $x \in R^d$, denote by $I_n(x)$ the unique interval in ϕ_n containing x , and by $\lambda(I_n(x))$ the Lebesgue measure of $I_n(x)$. The data-based histogram estimate f_n , based on the partition ϕ_n , is defined by

$$f_n(x) \equiv F_n(I_n(x)) / \lambda(I_n(x)). \quad (5)$$

For this estimate, the problem of L_r -norm consistency is much more complicated as compared with the ordinary histogram case. To begin with, for each positive integer n and positive constant t , denote by C_{nt} the number of intervals in $\phi_n = \{I(\ell, X^n)\}$ fulfilling the condition

$$I(\ell, X^n) \cap \{x = (x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(d)}) : |x^{(i)}| \leq t, \quad 1 \leq i \leq d\} \neq \emptyset$$

and denote by $D(A)$ the diameter for any set $A \subseteq R^d$. Chen and Rubin [4] proved that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m_{n1} = 0, \quad \text{in probability} \quad (6)$$

under three conditions, two of them are:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(I_n(x)) = 0, \quad \text{in probability, for } x \in R^d, \text{ a.e. } \lambda \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{cases} \lim_n C_{nt}/n = 0, & d = 1; \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{nt}/\sqrt{n} = 0, & d > 1. \end{cases} \quad \text{in probability, for any } t > 0 \quad (8)$$

while the third one is of a rather complicated nature. Chen and Zhao [6] studied the strong consistency for the case of general d , proving

the truth of (2) under the conditions:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(I_n(x)) = 0, \quad \text{a.s., for } x \in R^d, \quad \text{a.e.} \lambda \quad (7^*)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{nt} \log n / n = 0, \quad \text{a.s., for any } t > 0 \quad (8^*)$$

while Chen and Wang [5] obtained analogous result for this problem.

By comparing (8) and (8*) we see that although in case $d > 1$ (8*) is an improvement of (8), but in case $d = 1$, in achieving strong

Comparing the above two results, we see that in case $d > 1$ we have not only made the improvement by establishing a.s. convergence instead of convergence in probability, but also succeeded in some sense in weakening the conditions required, since (8*) requires a lower rate of convergence to zero than (8) - Of course, strictly speaking, (8) and (8*) are mutually exclusive. In case $d = 1$, in achieving strong consistency, we pay a price by requiring that c_{nt} is of the order $O(n/\log n)$ instead of $O(n)$. Motivated by the works of Devroye [8], Bai and Chen [3] and Chen and Zhao [7], we expect that the order $O(n)$ should be sufficient. In section 3, we shall prove that this is indeed the case:

THEOREM 1. Suppose that f_n is defined by (5), then (2) is true if (7*) and the following condition (9) are both true:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{nt} / n = 0, \quad \text{a.s. for any } t > 0 \quad (9)$$

The general case of $r > 1$ is considered in section 4. To formulate our result, for any interval $I = [a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_d, b_d]$ belonging to the partition ϕ_n , write $a(I)$ for $\min_{1 \leq i \leq d} (b_i - a_i)$. Also, for any $t > 0$, write

$$Q_t = \{x = (x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(d)}) : |x^{(i)}| \leq t, i = 1, \dots, d\}.$$

THEOREM 2. Suppose that f_n is defined by (5), then (3) is true if the following three conditions are satisfied:

$$\int f^r(x) dx < \infty \quad (10)$$

$$\sup\{D(I): I \in \phi_n, I \cap Q_t \neq \emptyset\} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad \text{for any } t > 0, \quad (11)$$

$$n(\inf_{I \in \phi_n} a(I))^d \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (12)$$

The basic tool in our argument is an inequality establishing the exponential bound for the deviation between theoretical and empirical distributions over a class of partitions of R^d . The inequality is of independent interest and is the subject of section 2.

2. AN INEQUALITY

Suppose that μ is a probability measure on $\mathcal{B}^d$ - the σ -field of all Borel sets in $\mathbb{R}^d$. Let $X_1, \dots, X_n, \dots$ be i.i.d. random vectors with a common probability distribution μ , and μ_n be the empirical distribution of $X_1, \dots, X_n$.

We call $\phi \equiv \{A_1, \dots, A_k\}$ a partition of $\mathbb{R}^d$, if $A_1, \dots, A_k$ are disjoint intervals of the form

$$[a_1, b_1) \times \dots \times [a_d, b_d) : -\infty \leq a_i < b_i \leq \infty, \quad i = 1, \dots, d$$

and $\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i = \mathbb{R}^d$. For fixed positive integer k , denote by $F \equiv F_k$ the collection of all such partitions, and define

$$D_n \equiv D_n(X^n) \equiv \sup\{\sum_{A \in \phi} |\mu_n(A) - \mu(A)| : \phi \in F\}$$

It can easily be seen that there exists a countable subset $\{\phi_i, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ CF, such that $D_n = \sup\{\sum_{A \in \phi_i} |\mu_n(A) - \mu(A)| : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$, and $\{\phi_i\}$ is independent of X^n . This shows that D_n is a random variable. We are now going to establish the following exponential bound for D_n :

THEOREM A. Given $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$P(D_n > \epsilon) < 6 \exp(-n\epsilon^2 2^{-9})$$

when $n \geq \max(k, 100 \log 6 / \epsilon^2)$, and $(\frac{k}{n}) \log(\frac{3en}{k}) < \epsilon^2 2^{-9} (d+1)^{-1}$.

In proving the theorem, we borrow some idea from a work of Vapnik and Chervonenkis [11]. We also note that Theorem A extends a work of Devroye [8], which we formulate below as a lemma:

LEMMA 1 (Devroye [8]) Suppose that $\mathbb{R}^d = \bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i$, $A_i \in \mathcal{B}^d$,

$i = 1, \dots, k$, and $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ when $i \neq j$. Then for given $\epsilon > 0$

we have

$$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^k |\mu_n(A_i) - \mu(A_i)| \geq \epsilon\right) \leq 3\exp(-n\epsilon^2/25), \text{ when } k/n \leq \epsilon^2/20$$

The following simple fact is also needed in the proof:

LEMMA 2. Let $q_i, \lambda_i, i = 1, \dots, k$, be positive numbers.

Write $a = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i$, $b = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i q_i$. We have

$$\prod_{i=1}^k q_i^{\lambda_i} \geq \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^b$$

and the equality holds if and only if $q_1 = \dots = q_k$.

The proof is easy and therefore omitted.

Proof of the Theorem.

Write $x^{(n)} = (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{2n})$, $x^{2n} = (x_1, \dots, x_{2n})$, μ_n^* = the empirical measure of $x^{(n)}$, and

$$D_n(x^n, \phi) = \sum_{A \in \Phi} |\mu_n(A) - \mu(A)|$$

$$D_n^*(x^{(n)}, \phi) = \sum_{A \in \Phi} |\mu_n^*(A) - \mu(A)|$$

$$G_n(x^{2n}, \phi) = \sum_{A \in \Phi} |\mu_n(A) - \mu_n^*(A)|$$

$$G_n \equiv G_n(x^{2n}) = \sup\{G_n(x^{2n}, \phi) : \phi \in F\}$$

$$\text{Since } \{G_n > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{G_n(\phi_i) > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\} \supset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{D_n(\phi_i) > \epsilon\} \cap \{D_n^*(\phi_i) < \epsilon/2\}$$

and $\{D_n(\phi_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$, $\{D_n^*(\phi_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ are independent, it is

well known that

$$\begin{aligned} P(G_n > \frac{\epsilon}{2}) &\geq \inf_i P(D_n^*(\phi_i) < \epsilon/2) P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{D_n(\phi_i) > \epsilon\}\right) \\ &= \inf_i P(D_n^*(\phi_i) < \epsilon/2) P(D_n > \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that n satisfies the conditions indicated in Theorem A, then $k/n < \epsilon^2/80$, and by Lemma 1 we have, simultaneously for all x^n :

$$P(D_n^*(x^{(n)}, \phi_i) \geq \epsilon/2 | x^n) \leq 3\exp(-n\epsilon^2/100) \leq 1/2, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

Therefore, $P(D_n^*(\phi_i) < \epsilon/2, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and}$

$$P(G_n > \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \geq \frac{1}{2}P(D_n > \epsilon) \quad (13)$$

From (13), it is seen that the proof of Theorem A reduces to the problem of finding an upper bound for $P(G_n > \epsilon/2)$. For this purpose, denote by T a permutation $(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{2n})$ of $(1, 2, \dots, 2n)$, so that $Tx^{2n} = (x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_{2n}})$.

Further, denote by $\mu_n^{(T)}$ and $\mu_n^{(T)*}$ the empirical measures generated by $(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_n})$ and $(x_{j_{n+1}}, \dots, x_{j_{2n}})$, respectively. Then it is readily

seen that

$$\begin{aligned} P(G_n > \frac{\epsilon}{2}) &= \int_{R^{2nd}} \frac{1}{(2n)!} \sum_T \mathbb{I}_{\{\sup_{\phi \in F} \sum_{A \in \phi} |\mu_n^{(T)}(A) - \mu_n^{(T)*}(A)| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\}} dP \\ &\leq \int_{R^{2nd}} \frac{2}{(2n)!} \sum_T \mathbb{I}_{\{\sup_{\phi \in F} \sum_{A \in \phi} |\mu_n^{(T)}(A) - \mu_{2n}(A)| > \frac{\epsilon}{4}\}} dP \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where the summation $\sum_T$ is taken over all $(2n)!$ permutations of $(1, 2, \dots, 2n)$, and $P = \mu^\infty$.

Now fix x^{2n} , and denote by U the set with elements $x_1, \dots, x_{2n}$. Each $\phi \in F$ induces a partition of the set U . Denote by $m_n(U)$ the number of different partitions induced by all $\phi \in F$. We have

$$m_n(U) \leq \binom{2n+k-1}{k-1}^d \leq \binom{3n}{k-1}^d \leq \left(\frac{(3n)^k}{k!}\right)^d \leq \left(\frac{3en}{k}\right)^{kd} \quad (15)$$

Let F^* be a subset of F having $m_n(U)$ members, such that if

$\phi_i \in F^*$, $i = 1, 2$ and $\phi_1 \neq \phi_2$, then ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 induce different partitions of U . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{(2n)!} \sum_T I\left\{ \sup_{\phi \in F} \sum_{A \in \phi} |\mu_n^{(T)}(A) - \mu_{2n}(A)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2n)!} \sum_T \sup_{\phi \in F} I\left\{ \sum_{A \in \phi} |\mu_n^{(T)}(A) - \mu_{2n}(A)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2n)!} \sum_T \sup_{\phi \in F^*} I\left\{ \sum_{A \in \phi} |\mu_n^{(T)}(A) - \mu_{2n}(A)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \right\} \\
 &\leq \sum_{\phi \in F^*} \frac{1}{(2n)!} \sum_T I\left\{ \sum_{A \in \phi} |\mu_n^{(T)}(A) - \mu_{2n}(A)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \right\} \\
 &\leq m_n(U) \sup_{\phi \in F} \frac{1}{(2n)!} \sum_T I\left\{ \sum_{A \in \phi} |\mu_n^{(T)}(A) - \mu_{2n}(A)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \right\} \quad (16)
 \end{aligned}$$

Fix $\phi = \{A_1, \dots, A_k\} \in F$. Denote by $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ a random sample taken from U without replacement, and $\{Z_i, i \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of random samples taken from U with replacement. Write $\tilde{P}(\cdot) = P(\cdot | X^{2n})$, $\tilde{E}(\cdot) = E(\cdot | X^{2n})$, and

$$p_\ell = \mu_{2n}(A_\ell), \quad N_\ell = 2np_\ell, \quad \ell = 1, \dots, k$$

$$V_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^k \left| I\left(\sum_{i=1}^n I(Y_i \in A_\ell) - np_\ell \right) \right|, \quad W_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^k \left| \sum_{i=1}^n I(Z_i \in A_\ell) - np_\ell \right| \quad (17)$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{(2n)!} \sum_T I\left\{ \sum_{A \in \phi} |\mu_n^{(T)}(A) - \mu_{2n}(A)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \right\} \\
 &= \tilde{E}\left\{ I\left(\sum_{\ell=1}^k \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(Y_i \in A_\ell) - p_\ell \right| > \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \right) \right\} = \tilde{P}(V_n > \varepsilon n/4) \quad (18)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we proceed to show that

$$\tilde{E}\{\exp(tV_n)\} \leq (4\pi e^{1/6} n/k)^{k/2} \tilde{E}\{\exp(tW_n)\} \quad (19)$$

for any $t > 0$. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{E} \exp(tW_n) \\ &= \sum' \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_k!} p_1^{n_1} \dots p_k^{n_k} \exp\{t \sum_{\ell=1}^k |n_\ell - np_\ell|\}, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where the summation Σ' is taken over all integer-valued vectors $(n_1, \dots, n_k)$ satisfying

$$n_1 \geq 0, \dots, n_k \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\ell=1}^k n_\ell = n.$$

In the same way, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}\{\exp(tV_n)\} &= \sum' \binom{n_1}{n_1} \dots \binom{n_k}{n_k} (2n)^{-1} \exp\{t \sum_{\ell=1}^k |n_\ell - np_\ell|\} \\ &= \sum' C(n_1, \dots, n_k) \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_k!} p_1^{n_1} \dots p_k^{n_k} \exp\{t \sum_{\ell=1}^k |n_\ell - np_\ell|\}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Here, as usual, we put $\binom{n}{m} = 0$ for $m > n$. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} C(n_1, \dots, n_k) &= \frac{n!(2n)^n}{(2n)!} \prod_{j=1}^k \left(\frac{N_j!}{(N_j - n_j)!} N_j^{-n_j} \right) \\ &= \frac{n!(2n)^n}{(2n)!} \prod_{(I)} (N_j! N_j^{-N_j}) \prod_{(II)} \left(\frac{N_j!}{(N_j - n_j)!} N_j^{-n_j} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\prod_{(I)}$ is taken over all j 's satisfying $N_j = n_j$ and $\prod_{(II)}$ is taken

over all j 's satisfying $0 < n_j < N_j$. Using Stirling's formula

$$\sqrt{2\pi n} n^n e^{-n} < n! < \sqrt{2\pi n} n^n e^{-n+1/(12n)}$$

and the fact that $\sum_{j=1}^k n_j = n$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & C(n_1, \dots, n_k) \\
 & \leq 2^{-n-1/2} e^{n+1/12} (2\pi)^{k/2} \exp(k/12 - \sum_{j=1}^k n_j) \prod_{j=1}^k \left(\frac{N_j - n_j}{N_j} \right)^{-(N_j - n_j) - 1/2} \\
 & \leq 2^{-n-1/2} (2\pi)^{k/2} e^{(k+1)/12} \prod_{j=1}^k \left(\frac{N_j - n_j}{N_j} \right)^{-(N_j - n_j)} \prod_{j=1}^k \sqrt{N_j}. \quad (22)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\prod_{(III)}$, and the summation $\sum_{(III)}$ appearing below, are taken over all

j 's satisfying $0 \leq n_j < N_j$. Putting $q_j = (N_j - n_j)/N_j$, $\lambda_j = N_j$ in

Lemma 2, we get

$$a \triangleq \sum_{(III)} \lambda_j = \sum_{(III)} N_j \leq 2n,$$

$$b \triangleq \sum_{(III)} \lambda_j q_j = \sum_{(III)} (N_j - n_j) = \sum_{j=1}^k (N_j - n_j) = n,$$

and

$$\prod_{(III)} \left(\frac{N_j - n_j}{N_j} \right)^{N_j - n_j} = \prod_{(III)} q_j^{\lambda_j q_j} \geq (b/a)^b \geq 2^{-n}. \quad (23)$$

On the other hand,

$$\prod_{j=1}^k \sqrt{N_j} \leq \left(\frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k N_j \right)^{k/2} = (2n/k)^{k/2}. \quad (24)$$

By (22) - (24),

$$C(n_1, \dots, n_k) \leq 2^{-1/2} e^{(k+1)/12} (4\pi n/k)^{k/2} \leq (4\pi n/k)^{k/2} e^{k/12}, \quad (25)$$

and (19) follows from (20), (21) and (25).

Let N be a Poisson random variable, $E(N) = n$, and $N, (Y_1, \dots, Y_n, Z_1, Z_2, \dots)$ are independent. Since $\sum_{i=1}^N I(Z_i \in A_\ell)$, $\ell = 1, \dots, k$, are

independent Poisson variables with mean $np_1, \dots, np_k$ respectively, it follows from (19) that for any $t > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \tilde{P}\{V_n > n\epsilon/4\} \\
 & \leq \tilde{P}\{|N-n| > n\epsilon/8\} + e^{-tn\epsilon/4} \tilde{E}\{e^{tV_n} I(|N-n| \leq n\epsilon/8)\} \\
 & = \tilde{P}\{|N-n| > n\epsilon/8\} + e^{-tn\epsilon/4} \tilde{E}\{e^{tV_n} \tilde{P}\{|N-n| \leq n\epsilon/8\}\} \\
 & \leq \tilde{P}\{|N-n| > n\epsilon/8\} + (4\pi e^{1/6} n/k)^{k/2} e^{-tn\epsilon/4} \tilde{E}\{e^{tW_n} \tilde{P}\{|N-n| \leq n\epsilon/8\}\} \\
 & = \tilde{P}\{|N-n| > n\epsilon/8\} + (4\pi e^{1/6} n/k)^{k/2} e^{-tn\epsilon/4} \tilde{E}\{e^{tW_n} I(|N-n| \leq n\epsilon/8)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the independence mentioned above and

$$e^{tW_n} I(|N-n| \leq n\epsilon/8) \leq \exp\left\{t \sum_{\ell=1}^k \left| \sum_{i=1}^N I(Z_i \in A_\ell) - np_\ell \right| + tn\epsilon/8\right\},$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \tilde{P}\{V_n > n\epsilon/4\} \\
 & \leq \tilde{P}\{|N-n| > n\epsilon/8\} \\
 & + (4\pi e^{1/6} n/k)^{k/2} e^{-tn\epsilon/4} \tilde{E}\left\{\exp\left(t \sum_{\ell=1}^k \left| \sum_{i=1}^N I(Z_i \in A_\ell) - np_\ell \right| + tn\epsilon/8\right)\right\}. \quad (26)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose that V is a Poisson variable and $EV = \lambda$. From

$e^{-t} + t \leq e^t - t$ for $t > 0$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E(e^{t|V-\lambda|}) \leq E\{e^{t(V-\lambda)} + e^{-t(V-\lambda)}\} \\
 & = \exp\{\lambda(e^t - 1 - t)\} + \exp\{\lambda(e^{-t} - 1 + t)\} \leq 2\exp\{\lambda(e^t - 1 - t)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$P\{|V-\lambda| \geq \lambda\epsilon\} \leq E\{\exp(t|V-\lambda| - t\lambda\epsilon)\}$$

$$\leq 2\exp\{-t\lambda\epsilon + \lambda(e^t - 1 - t)\}.$$

Take $t = \log(1+\epsilon)$, we get

$$P\{|V-\lambda| \geq \lambda\epsilon\} \leq 2\exp\{\lambda(\epsilon - (1+\epsilon)\log(1+\epsilon))\}$$

$$\leq 2\exp\{-\lambda\epsilon^2/(2+2\epsilon)\} \leq 2\exp(-\lambda\epsilon^2/4)$$

for $\epsilon \in (0,1)$. Repeat this argument and take $t = \log(1+\epsilon/8)$, by (26) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{P}\{V_n > n\epsilon/4\} \\ & \leq 2\exp(-n\epsilon^2/256) + (4\pi e^{1/6} n/k)^{k/2} e^{-tn\epsilon/8} \prod_{\ell=1}^k \{2\exp(nP_{\ell}(e^t - 1 - t))\} \\ & \leq 2\exp(-n\epsilon^2/256) + (4\pi e^{1/6} n/k)^{k/2} 2^k \exp\{n(e^t - 1 - t - t\epsilon/8)\} \\ & \leq 2\exp(-n\epsilon^2/256) + (16\pi e^{1/6} n/k)^{k/2} \exp(-n\epsilon^2/256) \\ & \leq 3(16\pi e^{1/6} n/k)^{k/2} \exp(-n\epsilon^2/256). \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

From (14) - (18) and (27), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} P\{G_n > \epsilon/2\} & \leq 3(3en/k)^{kd} (16\pi e^{1/6} n/k)^{k/2} \exp(-n\epsilon^2/256) \\ & = 3 \exp\{-n\epsilon^2/256 + kd \log(3en/k) + \frac{k}{2} \log(16\pi e^{1/6} n/k)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Under the conditions of Theorem A, $n/k > 16 e^{1/6}/(9e^2)$ and

$k(d+1)\log(3en/k) < n\epsilon^2/2^9$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} P\{G_n > \epsilon/2\} & \leq 3 \exp\{-n\epsilon^2/256 + k(d+1)\log(3en/k)\} \\ & \leq 3 \exp\{-n\epsilon^2/2^9\}. \end{aligned}$$

From this and (13), Theorem A follows.

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

Define

$$\tilde{f}_n(x) = \int_{I_n(x)} f(u) du / \lambda(I_n(x)). \quad (28)$$

It is enough to show that for any $t > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{Q_t} |f(x) - \tilde{f}_n(x)| dx = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (29)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{Q_t} |f_n(x) - \tilde{f}_n(x)| dx = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (30)$$

For any $\varepsilon > 0$, we can find a function $g(x) \geq 0$ which is continuous on R^d and has a bounded support, such that $\int |f-g| dx < \varepsilon$. Define

$$\tilde{g}_n(x) = \int_{I_n(x)} g(u) du / \lambda(I_n(x)).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q_t} |f - \tilde{f}_n| dx &\leq \int |f-g| dx + \int |\tilde{f}_n - \tilde{g}_n| dx + \int_{Q_t} |\tilde{g}_n - g| dx \\ &\leq 2 \int |f-g| dx + \int_{Q_t} |\tilde{g}_n - g| dx \\ &< 2\varepsilon + \int_{Q_t} |\tilde{g}_n - g| dx. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

By (7*), there exists a set $B_0 \subset (R^d)^\infty$ such that $P(B_0) = 0$ and for

$\omega \triangleq (X_1, X_2, \dots) \notin B_0$ we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(I_n(x)) = 0$ for $x \in R^d$, a.e. λ , and

in turn it follows that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{g}_n(x) = g(x)$ for $x \in R^d$, a.e. λ .

By the dominated convergence theorem,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{Q_t} |\tilde{g}_n(x) - g(x)| dx = 0 \quad \text{a.s.}, \quad (32)$$

and (29) follows from (31) and (32).

From (9) it can be shown that there exists a sequence $\{\delta_n\}$ of positive numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n = 0$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{nt}/[n\delta_n] = 0 \quad \text{a.s.},$$

where $[n\delta_n]$ denotes the integer part of $n\delta_n$. For any $\varepsilon \in (0,1)$, there exists a set $B_{1-\varepsilon/2} \subset (R^d)^\infty$ such that $P(B_{1-\varepsilon/2}) > 1 - \varepsilon/2$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{nt}/[n\delta_n] = 0 \quad \text{uniformly for } (X_1, X_2, \dots) \in B_{1-\varepsilon/2}.$$

So there exists a positive integer N such that

$$C_{nt} < [n\delta_n], \quad \text{for } n \geq N \quad \text{and} \quad (X_1, X_2, \dots) \in B_{1-\varepsilon/2}.$$

Now we recall $\phi_n \equiv \phi_n(X^n) = \{I(\ell, X^n), \ell = 1, 2, \dots\}$ is the partition of R^d which defines the data-based histogram f_n . It is easy to see that we can find $k \leq 3^d C_{nt}$ and $\phi \in F_k$ such that

$$\{I : I \in \phi, I \cap Q_t \neq \emptyset\} = \{I : I \in \phi_n, I \cap Q_t \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Hence, for $(X_1, X_2, \dots) \in B_{1-\varepsilon/2}$, $n \geq N$ and $k = 3^d [n\delta_n]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q_t} |f_n(x) - \tilde{f}_n(x)| dx &\leq \sum_{I \in \phi_n, I \cap Q_t \neq \emptyset} |F_n(I) - F(I)| \\ &\leq \sup_{\phi \in F_k} \sum_{A \in \phi} |F_n(A) - F(A)| \triangleq D_n. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Since $k/n = 3^d [n\delta_n]/n \leq 3^d \delta_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, from Theorem A, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_n = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (34)$$

By (33) and (34), there exists a set $B_{1-\varepsilon} \subset (R^d)^\infty$ such that $B_{1-\varepsilon} \subset B_{1-\varepsilon/2}$, $P(B_{1-\varepsilon}) > 1 - \varepsilon$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{Q_t} |f_n(x) - \tilde{f}_n(x)| dx = 0 \quad \text{uniformly for } (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in B_{1-\varepsilon}.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrarily given, (30) is proved, and the proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

4. PROOF OF THEOREM 2

Define $\tilde{f}_n(x)$ as before by (28). Find a nonnegative function g , continuous everywhere on R^d and with a bounded support, such that

$$\int |f-g|^r dx < \varepsilon^r. \text{ Put}$$

$$\tilde{g}_n(x) = \int_{I_n(x)} g(u) du / \lambda(I_n(x)).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\int |f-\tilde{f}_n|^r dx)^{1/r} &\leq (\int |f-g|^r dx)^{1/r} + (\int |\tilde{f}_n-\tilde{g}_n|^r dx)^{1/r} + (\int |\tilde{g}_n-g|^r dx)^{1/r} \\ &\leq 2(\int |f-g|^r dx)^{1/r} + (\int |\tilde{g}_n-g|^r dx)^{1/r} \\ &< 2\varepsilon + (\int |\tilde{g}_n-g|^r dx)^{1/r}. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

By (11), for any $x \in R^d$, we have

$$D(I_n(x)) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

There exists a set $B_0 \subset (R^d)^\infty$ such that $P(B_0) = 0$ and for $\omega \equiv (X_1, X_2, \dots) \in B_0$ we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(I_n(x)) = 0$ for $x \in R^d$, a.e. λ , and in turn it follows that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{g}_n(x) = g(x)$ for $x \in R^d$, a.e. λ . By the dominated convergence theorem,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |\tilde{g}_n - g|^r dx = 0 \quad \text{for } \omega \in B_0. \quad (36)$$

By (35) and (36), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |f(x) - \tilde{f}_n(x)|^r dx = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (37)$$

Now we proceed to prove that

$$\int |f_n - \tilde{f}_n|^r dx = \sum_{I_\ell \in \Phi_n} |F_n(I_\ell) - F(I_\ell)|^r / \lambda(I_\ell)^{r-1} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (38)$$

Put $H = \inf_{I \in \Phi_n} a(I)$. Since $nH^d \rightarrow \infty$ a.s., it can be shown that there exists a sequence $C_n \rightarrow \infty$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} nH^d/C_n^d = \infty$ a.s.. Without loss of generality, we can assume that $C_n^d/n \rightarrow 0$. Take $h = h_n = C_n/n^{1/d}$, then $h_n \rightarrow 0$, $nh_n^d \rightarrow \infty$ and $H/h_n \rightarrow \infty$, a.s.

Construct a partition of R^d into disjoint finite intervals, say $\Psi_n = \{\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots\}$, where Δ_m 's are all cubes with the same edge length h .

Define

$$\xi_n(x) = F_n(\Delta_m)/h^d \quad \text{for } x \in \Delta_m, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

and

$$\tilde{\xi}_n(x) = F(\Delta_m)/h^d \quad \text{for } x \in \Delta_m, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

By the theorem of [7],

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |\xi_n(x) - f(x)|^r dx = 0. \quad \text{a.s.}$$

An argument similar to that leading to (37) gives

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |\tilde{\xi}_n(x) - f(x)|^r dx = 0.$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int |\xi_n(x) - \tilde{\xi}_n(x)|^r dx &= \sum_{\Delta_m \in \Psi_n} |F_n(\Delta_m) - F(\Delta_m)|^r / (h^d)^{r-1} \\ &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s. as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

For $I_{\ell} \in \Phi_n$, denote by $H_{1\ell}, \dots, H_{d\ell}$ the lengths of the edges of I_{ℓ} , and write

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\ell} &= \{m : \Delta_m \in \Psi_n, \Delta_m \subset I_{\ell}\}, \\ \tilde{M}_{\ell} &= \{m : \Delta_m \in \Psi_n, \Delta_m \cap I_{\ell} \neq \emptyset, \Delta_m \setminus I_{\ell} \neq \emptyset\}. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Since $H/h_n \rightarrow \infty$ a.s., we can find $B_* \subset (R^d)^\infty$ such that $P(B_*) = 0$

and $H/h_n \rightarrow \infty$ for $\omega \in B_*$. In the sequel we always keep $\omega \in B_*$.

Thus, for n large, $H_{i\ell} > 2h$ for all i and ℓ . We have

$$\prod_{i=1}^d (H_{i\ell}/h - 2) \leq \#(M_\ell) \leq \prod_{i=1}^d (H_{i\ell}/h), \quad (41)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \#(\tilde{M}_\ell) &\leq \prod_{i=1}^d (H_{i\ell}/h + 2) - \prod_{i=1}^d (H_{i\ell}/h - 2) \\ &\leq \lambda(I_\ell) h^{-d} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^d (1 + 2h/H_{i\ell}) - \prod_{i=1}^d (1 - 2h/H_{i\ell}) \right\} \\ &\leq \lambda(I_\ell) h^{-d} \{ (1 + 2h/H)^d - (1 - 2h/H)^d \} \\ &\leq h^{-d} \lambda(I_\ell) C(d) h/H, \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

where

$$C(d) = 2^d (2^{d-1} + 1).$$

Now, by (41) and (39) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_n &\triangleq \sum_{\ell \in \Phi_n} |F_n \left(\sum_{m \in M_\ell} \Delta_m \right) - F \left(\sum_{m \in M_\ell} \Delta_m \right)|^{r/\lambda(I_\ell)} h^{r-1} \\ &\leq \sum_{\ell \in \Phi_n} (\#(M_\ell))^{r-1} \sum_{m \in M_\ell} |F_n(\Delta_m) - F(\Delta_m)|^{r/\lambda(I_\ell)} h^{r-1} \\ &\leq \sum_{\Delta_m \in \Psi_n} |F_n(\Delta_m) - F(\Delta_m)|^{r/(h^d)} h^{r-1} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

On the other hand, by (42) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}_n &\triangleq \sum_{\ell \in \Phi_n} |F_n \left(\sum_{m \in \tilde{M}_\ell} (I_\ell \Delta_m) \right) - F \left(\sum_{m \in \tilde{M}_\ell} (I_\ell \Delta_m) \right)|^{r/\lambda(I_\ell)} h^{r-1} \\ &\leq \sum_{\ell \in \Phi_n} (\#(\tilde{M}_\ell))^{r-1} \sum_{m \in \tilde{M}_\ell} |F_n(I_\ell \Delta_m) - F(I_\ell \Delta_m)|^{r/\lambda(I_\ell)} h^{r-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq (hC(d)H^{-1})^{r-1} \sum_{I_\ell \in \Phi_n} \sum_{m \in \tilde{M}_\ell} |F_n(I_{\ell \Delta_m}) - F(I_{\ell \Delta_m})|^r / (h^d)^{r-1}. \quad (44)$$

For each $\Delta_m \in \Psi_n$, define

$$N_m = \{\ell: I_\ell \in \Phi_n, I_\ell \cap \Delta_m \neq \emptyset\} \quad (45)$$

Since $H_{i\ell} > 2h$ for all i and ℓ , for any m the set

N_m contains at most 2^d elements. By (44),

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}_n &\leq (C(d)h/H)^{r-1} \sum_{\Delta_m \in \Psi_n} \sum_{\ell \in N_m} |F_n(I_{\ell \Delta_m}) - F(I_{\ell \Delta_m})|^r / (h^d)^{r-1} \\ &\leq (C(d)h/H)^{r-1} \sum_{\Delta_m \in \Psi_n} \#(N_m) 2^{r-1} (F_n(\Delta_m)^r + F(\Delta_m)^r / (h^d)^{r-1}) \\ &\leq 2^{d+r-1} (C(d)h/H)^{r-1} \sum_{\Delta_m \in \Psi_n} 2^{r-1} |F_n(\Delta_m) - F(\Delta_m)|^r / (h^d)^{r-1} \\ &\quad + 2^{d+r-1} (C(d)h/H)^{r-1} \sum_{\Delta_m \in \Psi_n} (2^{r-1} + 1) F(\Delta_m)^r / (h^d)^{r-1} \\ &\triangleq \tilde{\rho}_{n1} + \tilde{\rho}_{n2}. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

By (43),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}_{n1} = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (47)$$

By Jensen's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\Delta_m \in \Psi_n} F(\Delta_m)^r / (h^d)^{r-1} &= \sum_{\Delta_m \in \Psi_n} |h^{-d} \int_{\Delta_m} f(x) dx|^r h^d \\ &\leq \sum_{\Delta_m \in \Psi_n} \int_{\Delta_m} f^r(x) dx = \int f^r(x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}_{n2} = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (48)$$

From (46) - (48), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}_n = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (49)$$

By (43) and (49), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int |f_n(x) - \tilde{f}_n(x)|^r dx &= \sum_{I_\ell \in \mathcal{E}_n} |F_n(I_\ell) - F(I_\ell)|^{r/\lambda(I_\ell)} I_\ell^{r-1} \\ &\leq 2^{r-1} (\rho_n + \tilde{\rho}_n) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (38) is proved, and Theorem 2 follows from (37) and (38).

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