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# Supplement to “The Goldenshluger–Lepski Method for Constrained Least-Squares Estimators over RKHSs”

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In this supplement, we provide the proofs of the results for the two regression problems in [3], including the majorants, along with some technical results.

## Appendix A: Proof of the Regression Results for a Fixed RKHS

We bound the distance between  $\hat{h}_r$  and  $h_r$  in the  $L^2(P_n)$  norm for  $r \geq 0$  and  $h_r \in rB_H$  to prove the following.

**Lemma 22** *Assume (Y) and (H). Let  $t \geq 1$  and  $A_{1,t} \in \mathcal{F}$  be the set on which*

$$\|\hat{h}_r - h_r\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \leq \frac{20\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}\sigma r t^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + 4\|h_r - g\|_{\infty}^2$$

*simultaneously for all  $r \geq 0$  and all  $h_r \in rB_H$ . We have  $\mathbb{P}(A_{1,t}) \geq 1 - e^{-t}$ .*

**Proof** The result is trivial for  $r = 0$ . By Lemma 2 of [2], we have

$$\|\hat{h}_r - h_r\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \leq \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i))(\hat{h}_r(X_i) - h_r(X_i)) + 4\|h_r - g\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2$$

for all  $r > 0$  and all  $h_r \in rB_H$ . We now bound the right-hand side. We have

$$\|h_r - g\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \leq \|h_r - g\|_{\infty}^2.$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) (\hat{h}_r(X_i) - h_r(X_i)) \\
& \leq \sup_{f \in 2rB_H} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) f(X_i) \right| \\
& = \sup_{f \in 2rB_H} \left| \left\langle \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) k_{X_i}, f \right\rangle_H \right| \\
& = 2r \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) k_{X_i} \right\|_H \\
& = 2r \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) (Y_j - g(X_j)) k(X_i, X_j) \right)^{1/2}
\end{aligned}$$

by the reproducing kernel property and the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality. Let  $K$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix with  $K_{i,j} = k(X_i, X_j)$  and let  $\varepsilon$  be the vector of the  $Y_i - g(X_i)$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) (Y_j - g(X_j)) k(X_i, X_j) = \varepsilon^\top (n^{-2}K) \varepsilon.$$

Furthermore, since  $k$  is a measurable function on  $(S \times S, \mathcal{S} \otimes \mathcal{S})$ , we have that  $n^{-2}K$  is an  $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}))$ -valued measurable matrix on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  and non-negative-definite. Let  $a_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be the eigenvalues of  $n^{-2}K$ . Then

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} a_i \leq \text{tr}(n^{-2}K) \leq n^{-1} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}$$

and

$$\text{tr}((n^{-2}K)^2) = \|a\|_2^2 \leq \|a\|_1^2 \leq n^{-2} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^2.$$

Therefore, by Lemma 36 of [2], we have

$$\varepsilon^\top (n^{-2}K) \varepsilon \leq \|k\|_{\text{diag}} \sigma^2 n^{-1} (1 + 2t + 2(t^2 + t)^{1/2})$$

and

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) (\hat{h}_r(X_i) - h_r(X_i)) \leq \frac{5 \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} \sigma r t^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}}$$

with probability at least  $1 - e^{-t}$ . The result follows.  $\blacksquare$

The following lemma, which is Lemma 25 of [2], is useful for proving Lemma 24.

**Lemma 23** Let  $D > 0$  and  $A \subseteq L^\infty$  be separable with  $\|f\|_\infty \leq D$  for all  $f \in A$ . Let

$$Z = \sup_{f \in A} \left| \|f\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 - \|f\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \right|.$$

Then, for  $t > 0$ , we have

$$Z \leq \mathbb{E}(Z) + \left( \frac{2D^4 t}{n} + \frac{4D^2 \mathbb{E}(Z)t}{n} \right)^{1/2} + \frac{2D^2 t}{3n}$$

with probability at least  $1 - e^{-t}$ .

We bound the supremum of the difference in the  $L^2(P_n)$  norm and the  $L^2(P)$  norm over  $rB_H$  for  $r \geq 0$  to prove the next result. We make use of the notion of a *contraction vanishing at 0*. A function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a contraction vanishing at 0 if it is Lipschitz continuous (with Lipschitz constant 1) and if  $\varphi(0) = 0$ .

**Lemma 24** Assume (H). Let  $t \geq 1$  and  $A_{2,t} \in \mathcal{F}$  be the set on which

$$\sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_H} \left| \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 - \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \right| \leq \frac{97\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} Crt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{8\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} Crt}{3n}$$

simultaneously for all  $r \geq 0$ . We have  $\mathbb{P}(A_{2,t}) \geq 1 - e^{-t}$ .

**Proof** The result is trivial for  $r = 0$ . Let

$$Z = \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_H} \frac{1}{r} \left| \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 - \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \right|.$$

Furthermore, let the  $\varepsilon_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be i.i.d. Rademacher random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ , independent of the  $X_i$ . Lemma 2.3.1 of [8] shows

$$\mathbb{E}(Z) \leq 2 \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_H} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i (r^{-1/2} Vf_1(X_i) - r^{-1/2} Vf_2(X_i))^2 \right| \right)$$

by symmetrisation. Since

$$|Vf_1(X_i) - Vf_2(X_i)| \leq 2C$$

for all  $r > 0$  and all  $f_1, f_2 \in rB_H$ , we find

$$\frac{(r^{-1/2} Vf_1(X_i) - r^{-1/2} Vf_2(X_i))^2}{4C}$$

is a contraction vanishing at 0 as a function of  $r^{-1} Vf_1(X_i) - r^{-1} Vf_2(X_i)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . By Theorem 3.2.1 of [1], we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_H} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i \frac{(r^{-1/2} Vf_1(X_i) - r^{-1/2} Vf_2(X_i))^2}{4C} \right| \middle| X \right)$$

is at most

$$2 \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{r>0} \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_H} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i (r^{-1} V f_1(X_i) - r^{-1} V f_2(X_i)) \right| \middle| X \right)$$

almost surely. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(Z) &\leq 16C \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{r>0} \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_H} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i (r^{-1} V f_1(X_i) - r^{-1} V f_2(X_i)) \right| \right) \\ &\leq 32C \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{r>0} \sup_{f \in rB_H} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i r^{-1} V f(X_i) \right| \right) \end{aligned}$$

by the triangle inequality. Again, by Theorem 3.2.1 of [1], we have

$$\mathbb{E}(Z) \leq 64C \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{r>0} \sup_{f \in rB_H} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i r^{-1} f(X_i) \right| \right)$$

since  $V$  is a contraction vanishing at 0. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{r>0} \sup_{f \in rB_H} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i r^{-1} f(X_i) \right| &= \sup_{r>0} \sup_{f \in rB_H} \left| \left\langle \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i k_{X_i}, r^{-1} f \right\rangle_H \right| \\ &= \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i k_{X_i} \right\|_H \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j k(X_i, X_j) \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

by the reproducing kernel property and the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality. By Jensen’s inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{r>0} \sup_{f \in rB_H} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i r^{-1} f(X_i) \right| \middle| X \right) &\leq \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \text{cov}(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j | X) k(X_i, X_j) \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n k(X_i, X_i) \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

almost surely and again, by Jensen’s inequality, we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{r>0} \sup_{f \in rB_H} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i r^{-1} f(X_i) \right| \right) \leq \left( \frac{\|k\|_{\text{diag}}}{n} \right)^{1/2}.$$

Hence,  $\mathbb{E}(Z) \leq 64\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} Cn^{-1/2}$ .

Let

$$A = \left\{ r^{-1/2}Vf_1 - r^{-1/2}Vf_2 : r > 0 \text{ and } f_1, f_2 \in rB_H \right\}.$$

We have that  $(0, \infty)$ , the set indexing  $r$ , is separable. Furthermore,  $H$  is separable and so is separable in  $C(S)$  as it can be continuously embedded in  $C(S)$  due to its bounded kernel. Therefore,  $rB_H \subseteq H$  is separable in  $C(S)$  for  $r > 0$ . Hence, we have that  $A \subseteq C(S)$  is separable. Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| r^{-1/2}Vf_1 - r^{-1/2}Vf_2 \right\|_{\infty} &\leq \min \left( 2Cr^{-1/2}, 2\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} r^{1/2} \right) \\ &\leq 2\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/4} C^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $r > 0$  and all  $f_1, f_2 \in rB_H$ . The first term in the minimum comes from clipping using  $V$ , while the second term comes from the continuous embedding of  $H$  in  $C(S)$  due to its bounded kernel. By Lemma 23, we have

$$Z \leq \mathbb{E}(Z) + \left( \frac{32\|k\|_{\text{diag}} C^2 t}{n} + \frac{16\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} C \mathbb{E}(Z) t}{n} \right)^{1/2} + \frac{8\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} C t}{3n}$$

with probability at least  $1 - e^{-t}$ . We have  $\mathbb{E}(Z) \leq 64\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} Cn^{-1/2}$  from above. The result follows.  $\blacksquare$

We move the bound on the distance between  $V\hat{h}_r$  and  $Vh_r$  from the  $L^2(P_n)$  norm to the  $L^2(P)$  norm for  $r \geq 0$  and  $h_r \in rB_H$ .

**Corollary 25** *Assume  $(Y)$  and  $(H)$ . Let  $t \geq 1$  and recall the definitions of  $A_{1,t}$  and  $A_{2,t}$  from Lemmas 22 and 24. On the set  $A_{1,t} \cap A_{2,t} \in \mathcal{F}$ , for which  $\mathbb{P}(A_{1,t} \cap A_{2,t}) \geq 1 - 2e^{-t}$ , we have*

$$\|V\hat{h}_r - Vh_r\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \leq \frac{\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} (97C + 20\sigma) r t^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{8\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} C r t}{3n} + 4\|h_r - g\|_{\infty}^2$$

simultaneously for all  $r \geq 0$  and all  $h_r \in rB_H$ .

**Proof** By Lemma 22, we have

$$\|\hat{h}_r - h_r\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \leq \frac{20\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} \sigma r t^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + 4\|h_r - g\|_{\infty}^2$$

for all  $r \geq 0$  and all  $h_r \in rB_H$ , so

$$\|V\hat{h}_r - Vh_r\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \leq \frac{20\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} \sigma r t^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + 4\|h_r - g\|_{\infty}^2.$$

Since  $\hat{h}_r, h_r \in rB_H$ , by Lemma 24 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|V\hat{h}_r - Vh_r\|_{L^2(P)}^2 - \|V\hat{h}_r - Vh_r\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \\ & \leq \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_H} \left| \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 - \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \right| \\ & \leq \frac{97\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{8\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt}{3n}. \end{aligned}$$

The result follows.  $\blacksquare$

We assume (g1) to bound the distance between  $V\hat{h}_r$  and  $g$  in the  $L^2(P)$  norm for  $r \geq 0$  and prove Theorem 1.

**Proof of Theorem 1** Note that  $Vg = g$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|V\hat{h}_r - g\|_{L^2(P)}^2 & \leq \left( \|V\hat{h}_r - Vh_r\|_{L^2(P)} + \|Vh_r - g\|_{L^2(P)} \right)^2 \\ & \leq 2\|V\hat{h}_r - Vh_r\|_{L^2(P)}^2 + 2\|Vh_r - g\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \\ & \leq 2\|V\hat{h}_r - Vh_r\|_{L^2(P)}^2 + 2\|h_r - g\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $r \geq 0$  and all  $h_r \in rB_H$ . By Corollary 25, we have

$$\|V\hat{h}_r - Vh_r\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \leq \frac{\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}(97C + 20\sigma)rt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{8\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt}{3n} + 4\|h_r - g\|_{\infty}^2.$$

Hence,

$$\|V\hat{h}_r - g\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \leq \frac{2\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}(97C + 20\sigma)rt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{16\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt}{3n} + 10\|h_r - g\|_{\infty}^2.$$

Taking an infimum over  $h_r \in rB_H$  proves the result.  $\blacksquare$

## Appendix B: Proof of the Regression Results for a Collection of RKHSs

**Lemma 26** *Assume (K1). We have that  $\hat{h}_{k,r}$  is an  $(C(S), \mathcal{B}(C(S)))$ -valued measurable function on  $(\Omega \times \mathcal{K} \times [0, \infty), \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}) \otimes \mathcal{B}([0, \infty)))$ , where  $k$  varies in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $r$  varies in  $[0, \infty)$ .*

**Proof** Let  $K$  be the  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix with  $K_{i,j} = k(X_i, X_j)$  for  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ . Then  $K$  is a continuous function of  $k$  and  $X$ , hence it is an  $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}))$ -valued measurable matrix on  $(\Omega \times \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}))$ , where  $k$  varies in  $\mathcal{K}$ . By Lemma 39, there exist an orthogonal matrix  $A$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  which are both  $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}))$ -valued measurable

matrices on  $(\Omega \times \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}))$  such that  $K = ADA^\top$ . Since  $K$  is non-negative definite, the diagonal entries of  $D$  are non-negative, and we may assume that they are non-increasing. Let  $m = \text{rk } K$ , which is measurable on  $(\Omega \times \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}))$ . For  $r > 0$ , if

$$r^2 < \sum_{i=1}^m D_{i,i}^{-1} (A^\top Y)_i^2,$$

then define  $\mu(r) > 0$  by

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{D_{i,i}}{(D_{i,i} + n\mu(r))^2} (A^\top Y)_i^2 = r^2.$$

Otherwise, let  $\mu(r) = 0$ . Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be defined by

$$(A^\top a)_i = (D_{i,i} + n\mu(r))^{-1} (A^\top Y)_i$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $(A^\top a)_i = 0$  for  $m+1 \leq i \leq n$ , noting that  $A^\top$  has the inverse  $A$  since it is an orthogonal matrix. By Lemma 3 of [2],

$$\hat{h}_{k,r} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i k_{X_i}$$

for  $r > 0$  and  $\hat{h}_{k,0} = 0$  for  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ .

Since  $\mu(r) > 0$  is strictly decreasing for

$$r^2 < \sum_{i=1}^m D_{i,i}^{-1} (A^\top Y)_i^2$$

and  $\mu(r) = 0$  otherwise, we find

$$\{\mu(r) \leq \mu\} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{D_{i,i}}{(D_{i,i} + n\mu)^2} (A^\top Y)_i^2 \leq r^2 \right\}$$

for  $\mu \in [0, \infty)$ . Therefore,  $\mu(r)$  is measurable on  $(\Omega \times \mathcal{K} \times [0, \infty), \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}) \otimes \mathcal{B}([0, \infty)))$ , where  $k$  varies in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $r$  varies in  $[0, \infty)$ . Hence, the  $a$  above with  $\mu = \mu(r)$  for  $r > 0$  is measurable on  $(\Omega \times \mathcal{K} \times [0, \infty), \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}) \otimes \mathcal{B}([0, \infty)))$ . By Lemma 4.29 of [7],  $\Phi_k : S \rightarrow H_k$  by  $\Phi_k(x) = k_x$  is continuous for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ . Hence,  $\Phi : \mathcal{K} \times S \rightarrow C(S)$  by  $\Phi(k, x) = k_x$  is continuous and  $k_{X_i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  are  $(C(S), \mathcal{B}(C(S)))$ -valued measurable functions on  $(\Omega \times \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}))$ . Together, these show that  $\hat{h}_{k,r}$  is an  $(C(S), \mathcal{B}(C(S)))$ -valued measurable function on  $(\Omega \times \mathcal{K} \times [0, \infty), \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}) \otimes \mathcal{B}([0, \infty)))$ , where  $k$  varies in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $r$  varies in  $[0, \infty)$ , recalling that  $\hat{h}_{k,0} = 0$ .  $\blacksquare$

Let  $\psi_1(x) = \exp(|x|) - 1$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\|Z\|_{\psi_1} = \inf\{a \in (0, \infty) : \mathbb{E}(\psi_1(Z/a)) \leq 1\}$$

for any random variable  $Z$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . Note that this infimum is attained by the monotone convergence theorem, and  $\|Z\|_{\psi_1}$  increases as  $|Z|$  increases pointwise. Let  $L^{\psi_1}$  be the set of random variables  $Z$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  such that  $\|Z\|_{\psi_1} < \infty$ . We have that  $(L^{\psi_1}, \|\cdot\|_{\psi_1})$  is a Banach space known as an Orlicz space (see [5]).

**Lemma 27** *Let  $Z \in L^{\psi_1}$ . We have*

$$\mathbb{E}(|Z|) \leq (\log 2)\|Z\|_{\psi_1}.$$

*Let  $t \geq 0$ . We have*

$$|Z| \leq \|Z\|_{\psi_1}(\log 2 + t)$$

*with probability at least  $1 - e^{-t}$ .*

**Proof** We have  $\mathbb{E}(\exp(|Z|/\|Z\|_{\psi_1})) \leq 2$ . The first result follows from Jensen's inequality. The second result follows from Chernoff bounding.  $\blacksquare$

For  $m \times n$  matrices  $U$  and  $V$ , define  $U \circ V$  to be the  $m \times n$  matrix with

$$(U \circ V)_{i,j} = U_{i,j}V_{i,j}.$$

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \{k/\|k\|_{\text{diag}} : k \in \mathcal{K}\} \cup \{0\}, \\ D &= \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{L}} \|f_1 - f_2\|_{\infty} \leq 2, \\ J &= \left( 162 \int_0^{D/2} \log(2N(a, \mathcal{L}, \|\cdot\|_{\infty})) da + 1 \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

The following lemma is useful for proving Lemma 29.

**Lemma 28** *Assume (K1). Let the  $\varepsilon_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  such that  $(X_i, \varepsilon_i)$  are i.i.d. and  $\varepsilon_i$  is  $\sigma^2$ -subgaussian given  $X_i$ . Let*

$$W(f) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j f(X_i, X_j)$$

*for  $f \in \mathcal{L}$ . We have*

$$\left\| \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}} W(f) \right\|_{\psi_1} \leq \frac{4J^2\sigma^2}{n}.$$



**Proof** Let  $F$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix with  $F_{i,j} = f(X_i, X_j)$ , where  $F$  varies with  $f \in \mathcal{L}$ . Note that  $F$  is an  $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}))$ -valued measurable matrix on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . Then  $W(f) = n^{-2} \varepsilon^\top F \varepsilon$ . Let  $Z(f) = n^{-2} \varepsilon^\top (F - I \circ F) \varepsilon$  for  $f \in \mathcal{L}$ . Note that  $Z$  is continuous in  $f$ . We have

$$\|Z(f_1) - Z(f_2)\|_{\psi_1} \leq 36\sigma^2 n^{-1} \|f_1 - f_2\|_\infty$$

for  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{L}$ : let  $F^{(1)}$  and  $F^{(2)}$  be the matrices corresponding to  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ . Observe that  $\|Z(f_1) - Z(f_2)\|_{\psi_1} \leq a$  by Lemma 41 when  $a$  is chosen such that

$$n^2 a = 2^{7/2} (\log 2) \sigma^2 (\text{tr}(F^{(1)} - F^{(2)})^2)^{1/2} / \log(5/4) \leq 36\sigma^2 n \|f_1 - f_2\|_\infty.$$

Let  $d(f_1, f_2) = 36\sigma^2 n^{-1} \|f_1 - f_2\|_\infty$  for  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{L}$  and

$$D_d = \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{L}} d(f_1, f_2).$$

By Lemma 38 with  $M = \mathcal{L}$  and  $s_0 = 0$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}} |Z(f)| \right\|_{\psi_1} &\leq 18 \int_0^{D_d/2} \log(2N(a, \mathcal{L}, d)) da \\ &= \frac{648\sigma^2}{n} \int_0^{D_d/2} \log(2N(a, \mathcal{L}, \|\cdot\|_\infty)) da. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\left\| \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}} W(f) \right\|_{\psi_1} \leq \left\| n^{-2} \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}} \varepsilon^\top (I \circ F) \varepsilon \right\|_{\psi_1} + \frac{648\sigma^2}{n} \int_0^{D_d/2} \log(2N(a, \mathcal{L}, \|\cdot\|_\infty)) da.$$

We have

$$n^{-2} \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}} \varepsilon^\top (I \circ F) \varepsilon \leq n^{-2} \varepsilon^\top \varepsilon,$$

noting that  $F_{i,i} \in [0, 1]$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $f \in \mathcal{L}$ . Let  $\delta_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  which are independent of each other and the  $\varepsilon_i$ , with  $\delta_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ . Lemma 35 of [2] shows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left( n^{-2} t \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}} \varepsilon^\top (I \circ F) \varepsilon \right) \right) &\leq \mathbb{E} (\exp (n^{-2} t \varepsilon^\top \varepsilon)) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} (\exp (n^{-2} t \delta^\top \delta)) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - 2\sigma^2 n^{-2} t)^{-1/2} \end{aligned}$$

for  $0 \leq 2\sigma^2 n^{-2}t < 1$  by computing the moment generating function of the  $\delta_i^2$ . We have that  $(1-x)^{-1/2} \leq \exp(x)$  for  $x \in [0, 1/2]$ , so

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left( n^{-2}t \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}} \varepsilon^\top (I \circ F) \varepsilon \right) \right) \leq \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(2\sigma^2 n^{-2}t) = \exp(2\sigma^2 n^{-1}t)$$

for  $0 \leq 4\sigma^2 n^{-2}t \leq 1$ . This bound is at most 2 and valid for

$$t \leq \min \left( \frac{n^2}{4\sigma^2}, \frac{(\log 2)n}{2\sigma^2} \right).$$

Hence,

$$\left\| n^{-2} \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}} \varepsilon^\top (I \circ F) \varepsilon \right\|_{\psi_1} \leq \max \left( \frac{4\sigma^2}{n^2}, \frac{2\sigma^2}{(\log 2)n} \right) \leq \frac{4\sigma^2}{n}$$

and

$$\left\| \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}} W(f) \right\|_{\psi_1} \leq \frac{648\sigma^2}{n} \int_0^{D/2} \log(2N(a, \mathcal{L}, \|\cdot\|_\infty)) da + \frac{4\sigma^2}{n}.$$

The result follows. ■

We bound the distance between  $\hat{h}_{k,r}$  and  $h_{k,r}$  in the  $L^2(P_n)$  norm for  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $r \geq 0$  and  $h_{k,r} \in rB_k$  to prove the following Lemma.

**Lemma 29** *Assume (Y) and (K1). Let  $t \geq 1$ . There exists a set  $A_{3,t} \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\mathbb{P}(A_{3,t}) \geq 1 - e^{-t}$  on which*

$$\|\hat{h}_{k,r} - h_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \leq \frac{21J \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2} \sigma r t^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + 4\|h_{k,r} - g\|_\infty^2$$

*simultaneously for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ , all  $r \geq 0$  and all  $h_{k,r} \in rB_k$ .*

**Proof** The result is trivial for  $r = 0$ . By Lemma 2 of [2], we have

$$\|\hat{h}_{k,r} - h_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \leq \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) (\hat{h}_{k,r}(X_i) - h_{k,r}(X_i)) + 4\|h_{k,r} - g\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2$$

for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ , all  $r > 0$  and all  $h_{k,r} \in rB_k$ . We now bound the right-hand side. We have

$$\|h_{k,r} - g\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \leq \|h_{k,r} - g\|_\infty^2.$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) (\hat{h}_{k,r}(X_i) - h_{k,r}(X_i)) \\ & \leq \sup_{f \in 2rB_k} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) f(X_i) \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sup_{f \in 2rB_k} \left| \left\langle \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) k_{X_i}, f \right\rangle_k \right| \\
&= 2r \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i)) k_{X_i} \right\|_k \\
&= 2r \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i))(Y_j - g(X_j)) k(X_i, X_j) \right)^{1/2}
\end{aligned}$$

by the reproducing kernel property and the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality. Let

$$Z = \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left( \frac{1}{\|k\|_{\text{diag}} n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (Y_i - g(X_i))(Y_j - g(X_j)) k(X_i, X_j) \right).$$

By Lemma 28 with  $\varepsilon_i = Y_i - g(X_i)$ , we have  $\|Z\|_{\psi_1} \leq 4J^2\sigma^2 n^{-1}$ . By Lemma 27, we have  $Z \leq 4J^2\sigma^2(\log 2 + t)n^{-1}$  with probability at least  $1 - e^{-t}$ . The result follows.  $\blacksquare$

The following lemma is useful for proving Lemma 31.

**Lemma 30** *Let*

$$A = \left\{ \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/4} r^{-1/2} V f_1 - \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/4} r^{-1/2} V f_2 : k \in \mathcal{K}, r > 0 \text{ and } f_1, f_2 \in rB_k \right\}.$$

*Then  $A$  is separable as a subset of  $C(S)$ .*

**Proof** By Theorem 4.21 of [7], we have that

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m a_i k_{s_i} : m \geq 1 \text{ and } a_i \in \mathbb{R}, s_i \in S \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m \right\}$$

is dense in  $H_k$  for  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ . Hence,

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m a_i k_{s_i} : m \geq 1 \text{ and } a_i \in \mathbb{R}, s_i \in S \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ with } \sum_{i,j=1}^m a_i a_j k(s_i, s_j) \leq r^2 \right\}$$

is dense in  $rB_k \subseteq H_k$  for  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $r > 0$ . Since  $S$  is separable, it has a countable dense subset  $S_0$ . Let  $D_{k,r}$  be

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m a_i k_{s_i} : m \geq 1 \text{ and } a_i \in \mathbb{Q}, s_i \in S_0 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ with } \sum_{i,j=1}^m a_i a_j k(s_i, s_j) \leq r^2 \right\}$$

for  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $r > 0$ . Since the function  $\Phi_k : S \rightarrow H_k$  by  $\Phi_k(x) = k_x$  is continuous by Lemma 4.29 of [7], we have that  $D_{k,r}$  is dense in  $rB_k \subseteq H_k$  by suitable choices for  $a_i \in \mathbb{Q}$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Since  $k$  is bounded for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ , as subsets of  $C(S)$  we have that  $D_{k,r}$  is dense in  $rB_k$  and

$$A = \text{cl} \left( \left\{ \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/4} r^{-1/2} (Vf_1 - Vf_2) : k \in \mathcal{K}, r > 0 \text{ and } f_1, f_2 \in D_{k,r} \right\} \right).$$

Since  $(\mathcal{K}, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  is separable, it has a countable dense subset  $\mathcal{K}_0$ . Hence,

$$A = \text{cl} \left( \left\{ \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/4} r^{-1/2} (Vf_1 - Vf_2) : k \in \mathcal{K}_0, r \in (0, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } f_1, f_2 \in D_{k,r} \right\} \right)$$

by suitable choices for  $r \in (0, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . The result follows.  $\blacksquare$

We bound the supremum of the difference in the  $L^2(P_n)$  norm and the  $L^2(P)$  norm over  $rB_k$  for  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $r \geq 0$  to prove the following Lemma.

**Lemma 31** *Assume (K1). Let  $t \geq 1$  and  $A_{4,t} \in \mathcal{F}$  be the set on which*

$$\sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_k} \left| \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 - \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \right| \leq \frac{151J\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{8\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt}{3n}$$

*simultaneously for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  and all  $r \geq 0$ . We have  $\mathbb{P}(A_{4,t}) \geq 1 - e^{-t}$ .*

**Proof** The result is trivial for  $r = 0$ . Let

$$Z = \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_k} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} r^{-1} \left| \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 - \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \right|.$$

We have that  $Z$  is a random variable by Lemma 30. Furthermore, let the  $\varepsilon_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be i.i.d. Rademacher random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ , independent of the  $X_i$ . Lemma 2.3.1 of [8] shows

$$\mathbb{E}(Z) \leq 2 \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_k} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i (r^{-1/2} Vf_1(X_i) - r^{-1/2} Vf_2(X_i))^2 \right| \right)$$

by symmetrisation. Since

$$|Vf_1(X_i) - Vf_2(X_i)| \leq 2C$$

for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ , all  $r > 0$  and all  $f_1, f_2 \in rB_k$ , we find

$$\frac{(r^{-1/2} Vf_1(X_i) - r^{-1/2} Vf_2(X_i))^2}{4C}$$

is a contraction vanishing at 0 as a function of  $r^{-1} Vf_1(X_i) - r^{-1} Vf_2(X_i)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . By Theorem 3.2.1 of [1], we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_k} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i \frac{(r^{-1/2} Vf_1(X_i) - r^{-1/2} Vf_2(X_i))^2}{4C} \right| \middle| X \right)$$

is at most

$$2 \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_k} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i (r^{-1} V f_1(X_i) - r^{-1} V f_2(X_i)) \right| \middle| X \right)$$

almost surely. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(Z) &\leq 16C \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_k} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i (r^{-1} V f_1(X_i) - r^{-1} V f_2(X_i)) \right| \right) \\ &\leq 32C \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f \in rB_k} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i r^{-1} V f(X_i) \right| \right) \end{aligned}$$

by the triangle inequality. Again, by Theorem 3.2.1 of [1], we have

$$\mathbb{E}(Z) \leq 64C \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f \in rB_k} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i r^{-1} f(X_i) \right| \right)$$

since  $V$  is a contraction vanishing at 0. We have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f \in rB_k} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i r^{-1} f(X_i) \right| \\ &= \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \sup_{r > 0} \sup_{f \in rB_k} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} \left| \left\langle \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i k_{X_i}, r^{-1} f \right\rangle_k \right| \\ &= \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i k_{X_i} \right\|_k \\ &= \sup_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/2} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j k(X_i, X_j) \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

by the reproducing kernel property and the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality. By Lemma 28 with  $\sigma^2 = 1$ , Lemma 27 and Jensen’s inequality, we have  $\mathbb{E}(Z) \leq 107JCn^{-1/2}$ .

Let

$$A = \left\{ \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/4} r^{-1/2} V f_1 - \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/4} r^{-1/2} V f_2 : k \in \mathcal{K}, r > 0 \text{ and } f_1, f_2 \in rB_k \right\}.$$

We have that  $A \subseteq C(S)$  is separable by Lemma 30. Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/4} r^{-1/2} V f_1 - \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/4} r^{-1/2} V f_2 \right\|_{\infty} &\leq \min \left( 2C \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{-1/4} r^{-1/2}, 2 \|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/4} r^{1/2} \right) \\ &\leq 2C^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ , all  $r > 0$  and all  $f_1, f_2 \in rB_k$ . By Lemma 23, we have

$$Z \leq \mathbb{E}(Z) + \left( \frac{32C^2t}{n} + \frac{16C \mathbb{E}(Z)t}{n} \right)^{1/2} + \frac{8Ct}{3n}$$

with probability at least  $1 - e^{-t}$ . We have  $\mathbb{E}(Z) \leq 107Jcn^{-1/2}$  from above. The result follows.  $\blacksquare$

We move the bound on the distance between  $V\hat{h}_{k,r}$  and  $Vh_{k,r}$  from the  $L^2(P_n)$  norm to the  $L^2(P)$  norm for  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $r \geq 0$  and  $h_{k,r} \in rB_k$ .

**Corollary 32** *Assume (Y) and (K1). Let  $t \geq 1$  and recall the definitions of  $A_{3,t}$  and  $A_{4,t}$  from Lemmas 29 and 31. On the set  $A_{3,t} \cap A_{4,t} \in \mathcal{F}$ , for which  $\mathbb{P}(A_{3,t} \cap A_{4,t}) \geq 1 - 2e^{-t}$ , we have*

$$\|V\hat{h}_{k,r} - Vh_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \leq \frac{J\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}(151C + 21\sigma)rt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{8\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt}{3n} + 4\|h_{k,r} - g\|_{\infty}^2$$

simultaneously for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ , all  $r \geq 0$  and all  $h_{k,r} \in rB_k$ .

**Proof** By Lemma 29, we have

$$\|\hat{h}_{k,r} - h_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \leq \frac{21J\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}\sigma rt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + 4\|h_{k,r} - g\|_{\infty}^2$$

for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ , all  $r \geq 0$  and all  $h_{k,r} \in rB_k$ , so

$$\|V\hat{h}_{k,r} - Vh_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \leq \frac{21J\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}\sigma rt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + 4\|h_{k,r} - g\|_{\infty}^2.$$

Since  $\hat{h}_{k,r}, h_{k,r} \in rB_k$ , by Lemma 31 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|V\hat{h}_{k,r} - Vh_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P)}^2 - \|V\hat{h}_{k,r} - Vh_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 \\ & \leq \sup_{f_1, f_2 \in rB_k} \left| \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P_n)}^2 - \|Vf_1 - Vf_2\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \right| \\ & \leq \frac{151J\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{8\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt}{3n}. \end{aligned}$$

The result follows.  $\blacksquare$

We assume (g1) to bound the distance between  $V\hat{h}_{k,r}$  and  $g$  in the  $L^2(P)$  norm for  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $r \geq 0$  and prove Theorem 6.

**Proof of Theorem 6** Note that  $Vg = g$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|V\hat{h}_{k,r} - g\|_{L^2(P)}^2 &\leq \left( \|V\hat{h}_{k,r} - Vh_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P)} + \|Vh_{k,r} - g\|_{L^2(P)} \right)^2 \\ &\leq 2\|V\hat{h}_{k,r} - Vh_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P)}^2 + 2\|Vh_{k,r} - g\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \\ &\leq 2\|V\hat{h}_{k,r} - Vh_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P)}^2 + 2\|h_{k,r} - g\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ , all  $r \geq 0$  and all  $h_{k,r} \in rB_k$ . By Corollary 32, we have

$$\|V\hat{h}_{k,r} - Vh_{k,r}\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \leq \frac{J\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}(151C + 21\sigma)rt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{8\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt}{3n} + 4\|h_{k,r} - g\|_{\infty}^2.$$

Hence,

$$\|V\hat{h}_{k,r} - g\|_{L^2(P)}^2 \leq \frac{2J\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}(151C + 21\sigma)rt^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{16\|k\|_{\text{diag}}^{1/2}Crt}{3n} + 10\|h_{k,r} - g\|_{\infty}^2.$$

Taking an infimum over  $h_{k,r} \in rB_k$  proves the result.  $\blacksquare$

## Appendix C: Covering Numbers for Gaussian Kernels

Recall that

$$\mathcal{L} = \{f_{\gamma}(x_1, x_2) = \exp(-\|x_1 - x_2\|_2^2/\gamma^2) : \gamma \in \Gamma \text{ and } x_1, x_2 \in S\} \cup \{0\}.$$

for  $\Gamma \subseteq [u, v]$  non-empty for  $v \geq u > 0$ . We prove a continuity result about the function  $F : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \setminus \{0\}$  by  $F(\gamma) = f_{\gamma}$ . We also bound the covering numbers of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Lemma 33** *Assume (K2). Let  $\gamma, \eta \in \Gamma$ . We have*

$$\|f_{\gamma} - f_{\eta}\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{(\gamma^2 - \eta^2)^{1/2}}{\gamma \vee \eta}.$$

For  $a \in (0, 1)$ , we have  $N(a, \mathcal{L}, \|\cdot\|_{\infty}) \leq \log(v/u)a^{-2} + 2$ . For  $a \geq 1$ , we have  $N(a, \mathcal{L}, \|\cdot\|_{\infty}) = 1$ .

**Proof** Let  $\gamma \geq \eta$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in S$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_{\gamma}(x_1, x_2) - f_{\eta}(x_1, x_2)| &= f_{\gamma}(x_1, x_2) - f_{\eta}(x_1, x_2) \\ &\leq \exp(-\|x_1 - x_2\|_2^2/\gamma^2). \end{aligned}$$

This is at most  $a \in (0, 1)$  whenever  $\|x_1 - x_2\|_2 > \gamma \log(1/a)^{1/2}$ . Suppose  $\|x_1 - x_2\|_2 \leq \gamma \log(1/a)^{1/2}$ . We have

$$|f_{\gamma}(x_1, x_2) - f_{\eta}(x_1, x_2)| = f_{\gamma}(x_1, x_2) - f_{\eta}(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \exp(\|x_1 - x_2\|_2^2/\eta^2) (f_\gamma(x_1, x_2) - f_\eta(x_1, x_2)) \\
&= \exp(\|x_1 - x_2\|_2^2 (\eta^{-2} - \gamma^{-2})) - 1 \\
&\leq \exp(\log(1/a) ((\gamma/\eta)^2 - 1)) - 1.
\end{aligned}$$

This is at most  $a$  whenever

$$\gamma \leq \left(1 + \frac{\log(1+a)}{\log(1/a)}\right)^{1/2} \eta. \quad (1)$$

Since  $x/(1+x) \leq \log(1+x) \leq x$  for  $x \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(1 + \frac{\log(1+a)}{\log(1/a)}\right)^{1/2} &= \left(1 + \frac{\log(1+a)}{\log(1+(1-a)/a)}\right)^{1/2} \\
&\geq \left(1 + \frac{a/(1+a)}{(1-a)/a}\right)^{1/2} \\
&= \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{1-a^2}\right)^{1/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, (1) holds whenever

$$\gamma \leq \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{1-a^2}\right)^{1/2} \eta,$$

or

$$\log(\gamma) \leq \frac{1}{2} \log\left(1 + \frac{a^2}{1-a^2}\right) + \log(\eta).$$

The first result follows by rearranging for  $a$ .

Since

$$\log\left(1 + \frac{a^2}{1-a^2}\right) \geq \frac{a^2/(1-a^2)}{1+a^2/(1-a^2)} = a^2,$$

(1) holds whenever  $\log(\gamma) \leq a^2/2 + \log(\eta)$ . Hence, for any  $\gamma, \eta \in \Gamma$ , we find  $\|f_\gamma - f_\eta\|_\infty \leq a$  whenever  $|\log(\gamma) - \log(\eta)| \leq a^2/2$ . Let  $b \geq 1$  and  $\gamma_i \in \Gamma$  for  $1 \leq i \leq b$ . Recall that  $\Gamma \subseteq [u, v]$ . If we let

$$\log(\gamma_i) = \log(u) + a^2(2i-1)/2$$

and let  $b$  be such that

$$\log(v) - (\log(u) + a^2(2b-1)/2) \leq a^2/2,$$

then we find the  $f_{\gamma_i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq b$  form an  $a$  cover of  $(\mathcal{L} \setminus \{0\}, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ . Rearranging the above shows that we can choose

$$b = \left\lceil \frac{\log(v/u)}{a^2} \right\rceil$$



and the second result follows by adding  $\{0\}$  to the cover. The third result follows from the fact that  $f_\gamma(x_1, x_2) \in (0, 1]$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and all  $x_1, x_2 \in S$ . ■

**Lemma 34** *Assume (K2). We have that  $\hat{h}_{\gamma,r}$  is an  $(C(S), \mathcal{B}(C(S)))$ -valued measurable function on  $(\Omega \times \Gamma \times [0, \infty), \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\Gamma) \otimes \mathcal{B}([0, \infty)))$ , where  $\gamma$  varies in  $\Gamma$  and  $r$  varies in  $[0, \infty)$ .*

We calculate an integral of these covering numbers.

**Lemma 35** *Assume (K2). We have*

$$\int_0^{1/2} \log N(a, \mathcal{L}, \|\cdot\|_\infty) da \leq \frac{\log(2 + 4 \log(v/u))}{2} + 1.$$

**Proof** We have

$$\int_0^{1/2} \log N(a, \mathcal{L}, \|\cdot\|_\infty) da \leq \int_0^{1/2} \log(2 + \log(v/u)a^{-2}) da$$

by Lemma 33. Changing variables to  $b = 2a$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \log(2 + 4 \log(v/u)b^{-2}) db &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \log((2 + 4 \log(v/u))b^{-2}) db \\ &= \frac{\log(2 + 4 \log(v/u))}{2} + \int_0^1 \log(b^{-1}) db. \end{aligned}$$

Changing variables to  $s = \log(b^{-1})$  shows

$$\int_0^1 \log(b^{-1}) db = \int_0^\infty s \exp(-s) ds = 1$$

since the last integral is the mean of an Exponential(1) random variable. ■

This lemma allows us directly to gain a bound on  $J$ .

**Lemma 36** *Assume (K2). We have*

$$J \leq (81(\log(8 \log(v/u) + 4) + 2) + 1)^{1/2}.$$

## Appendix D: The Orlicz Space $L^{\psi_1}$

Recall that  $\psi_1(x) = \exp(|x|) - 1$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\|Z\|_{\psi_1} = \inf\{a \in (0, \infty) : \mathbb{E}(\psi_1(Z/a)) \leq 1\}$$

for any random variable  $Z$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  and  $L^{\psi_1}$  is the set of random variables  $Z$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  such that  $\|Z\|_{\psi_1} < \infty$ . We have that  $(L^{\psi_1}, \|\cdot\|_{\psi_1})$  is a Banach space known as an Orlicz space (see [5]). For  $t \geq 0$ , also recall that

$$\mathbb{E}(|Z|) \leq (\log 2)\|Z\|_{\psi_1} \text{ and } |Z| \leq \|Z\|_{\psi_1}(\log 2 + t)$$

with probability at least  $1 - e^{-t}$  by Lemma 27. We prove a maximal inequality in  $L^{\psi_1}$  using the same method as Lemma 2.3.3 of [1].

**Lemma 37** *Let  $Z_i \in L^{\psi_1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq I$ . Then*

$$\left\| \max_{1 \leq i \leq I} |Z_i| \right\|_{\psi_1} \leq \frac{\log(2I)}{\log(5/4)} \max_{1 \leq i \leq I} \|Z_i\|_{\psi_1}.$$

**Proof** Let  $M = \max_{1 \leq i \leq I} \|Z_i\|_{\psi_1}$ . Also, let  $C \geq 1$  and  $a \in (0, \infty)$ . By Lemma 27, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq I} |Z_i|/a \right) \right) &= \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P} \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq I} |Z_i| > a \log t \right) dt \\ &\leq C + \int_C^\infty \mathbb{P} \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq I} |Z_i| > a \log t \right) dt \\ &\leq C + \sum_{i=1}^I \int_C^\infty \mathbb{P} (|Z_i| > a \log t) dt \\ &\leq C + I \int_C^\infty 2t^{-a/M} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating this bound with respect to  $C$  gives  $1 - 2IC^{-a/M}$ , so the bound is minimised by  $C = (2I)^{M/a}$ . For  $a > M$ , the bound becomes

$$\begin{aligned} C + 2I \frac{M}{a-M} C^{-(a-M)/M} &= (2I)^{M/a} + \frac{M}{a-M} (2I)^{1-(a-M)/a} \\ &= \frac{a}{a-M} (2I)^{M/a}. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$a = \frac{M \log(2I)}{\log b}$$

for  $b > 1$ . We have

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq I} |Z_i|/a \right) \right) \leq 2$$

if  $b^2 2^b \leq 4$ , the hardest case being  $I = 1$ . This holds for  $b = 5/4$  and the result follows. ■

We perform chaining in  $L^{\psi_1}$  using the same method as Theorem 2.3.6 of [1]. Recall that  $N(a, M, d)$  is the minimum size of an  $a > 0$  cover of a metric space  $(M, d)$ .

**Lemma 38** *Let  $Z$  be a stochastic process on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  indexed by a separable metric space  $(M, d)$  on which  $Z$  is almost-surely continuous with  $\|Z(s) - Z(t)\|_{\psi_1} \leq d(s, t)$  for all  $s, t \in M$ . Let  $D = \sup_{s, t \in M} d(s, t)$ . Fix  $s_0 \in M$ . Then*

$$\left\| \sup_{s \in M} |Z(s) - Z(s_0)| \right\|_{\psi_1} \leq \frac{4}{\log(5/4)} \int_0^{D/2} \log(2N(a, M, d)) da.$$

**Proof** Since  $(M, d)$  is separable, it has a countable dense subset  $M_0$ . We have

$$\left\| \sup_{s \in M} |Z(s) - Z(s_0)| \right\|_{\psi_1} = \left\| \sup_{s \in M_0} |Z(s) - Z(s_0)| \right\|_{\psi_1}$$

because  $Z$  is almost-surely continuous on  $M$ . Since  $M_0$  is countable, there exists a sequence of increasing finite subsets  $F_n \subseteq M$  for  $n \geq 1$  whose union is  $M_0$ . We have

$$\left\| \sup_{s \in M} |Z(s) - Z(s_0)| \right\|_{\psi_1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \max_{s \in F_n} |Z(s) - Z(s_0)| \right\|_{\psi_1}$$

by the monotone convergence theorem. Fix  $n \geq 1$  and let  $F = F_n$ . Let  $\delta_j = 2^{-j}D$  for  $j \geq 0$ . Since  $F$  is finite, there exists a minimum  $J \geq 0$  such that

$$\{t \in F : d(s, t) \leq \delta_J\} = \{s\}$$

for all  $s \in F$ . Let  $A_j$  for  $0 \leq j \leq J-1$  be a  $\delta_j$  cover of  $(M, d)$  of size  $N(\delta_j, M, d)$ , where we let  $A_0 = \{s_0\}$ . We define the chain  $C : F \times \{0, \dots, J\} \rightarrow M$  as follows. Let  $C(s, J) = s$  for all  $s \in F$ . For  $1 \leq j \leq J$ , given  $C(s, j)$ , let  $C(s, j-1)$  be some closest point in  $A_{j-1}$  to  $C(s, j)$ , depending on  $s$  only through  $C(s, j)$ . We have

$$Z(s) - Z(s_0) = \sum_{j=1}^J Z(C(s, j)) - Z(C(s, j-1))$$

for  $s \in F$ . Hence,

$$\max_{s \in F} |Z(s) - Z(s_0)| \leq \sum_{j=1}^J \max_{s \in F} |Z(C(s, j)) - Z(C(s, j-1))|.$$

By Lemma 37, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \max_{s \in F} |Z(s) - Z(s_0)| \right\|_{\psi_1} &\leq \sum_{j=1}^J \left\| \max_{s \in F} |Z(C(s, j)) - Z(C(s, j-1))| \right\|_{\psi_1} \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^J \frac{\log(2N(\delta_j, M, d))\delta_{j-1}}{\log(5/4)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{4}{\log(5/4)} \sum_{j=1}^J (\delta_j - \delta_{j+1}) \log(2N(\delta_j, M, d)) \\
&\leq \frac{4}{\log(5/4)} \int_{\delta_{J+1}}^{\delta_1} \log(2N(a, M, d)) da \\
&\leq \frac{4}{\log(5/4)} \int_0^{D/2} \log(2N(a, M, d)) da.
\end{aligned}$$

The result follows. ■

## Appendix E: Subgaussian Random Variables and Symmetric Matrices

The following result is Lemma 31 of [2], which is essentially Theorem 2.1 from [4].

**Lemma 39** *Let  $M$  be a non-negative-definite matrix which is an  $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}))$ -valued measurable matrix on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . There exist an orthogonal matrix  $A$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  which are both  $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}))$ -valued measurable matrices on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  such that  $M = ADA^\top$ .*

Recall that for  $m \times n$  matrices  $U$  and  $V$ , we define  $U \circ V$  to be the  $m \times n$  matrix with

$$(U \circ V)_{i,j} = U_{i,j} V_{i,j}.$$

The following lemma is a conditional version of Theorem 1.1 of [6], but with explicit values for the constants derived here.

**Lemma 40** *Let  $\varepsilon_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  which are independent conditional on some sub- $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  and let*

$$\mathbb{E}(\exp(t\varepsilon_i) | \mathcal{G}) \leq \exp(\sigma^2 t^2 / 2)$$

*almost surely for  $t$  a random variable on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$ . Let  $M$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix which is an  $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}))$ -valued measurable matrix on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$ . We have*

$$\mathbb{E}(\exp(t\varepsilon^\top (M - I \circ M) \varepsilon) | \mathcal{G}) \leq \exp(16\sigma^4 \operatorname{tr}(M^2) t^2)$$

*almost surely for  $t$  a random variable on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$  such that  $32\sigma^4 \operatorname{tr}(M^2) t^2 \leq 1$ .*

**Proof** We follow the proof of Theorem 1.1 of [6]. Let

$$Z = \varepsilon^\top (M - I \circ M) \varepsilon = \sum_{i \neq j} M_{i,j} \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j.$$

Also, let  $\phi_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  which are independent of each other, the  $\varepsilon_i$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ , with  $\phi_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(1/2)$ . Furthermore, let

$$W = \sum_{i \neq j} \phi_i (1 - \phi_j) M_{i,j} \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j.$$

We have  $Z = 4\mathbb{E}(W|\mathcal{G}, \varepsilon)$  almost surely, which gives

$$\exp(tZ) \leq \mathbb{E}(\exp(4tW)|\mathcal{G}, \varepsilon)$$

almost surely for  $t$  a random variable on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$  by Jensen's inequality. Let

$$S = \{1 \leq i \leq n : \phi_i = 1\}.$$

We can write

$$W = \sum_{i \in S, j \in S^c} M_{i,j} \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j.$$

Since the  $\varepsilon_j$  are independent, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\exp(tZ)|\mathcal{G}) &\leq \mathbb{E}(\exp(4tW)|\mathcal{G}) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left( \prod_{j \in S^c} \mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left( 4t \sum_{i \in S} M_{i,j} \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j \right) \middle| \mathcal{G}, \phi \right) \middle| \mathcal{G} \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left( \prod_{j \in S^c} \exp \left( 8t^2 \sigma^2 \left( \sum_{i \in S} M_{i,j} \varepsilon_i \right)^2 \right) \middle| \mathcal{G} \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left( 8t^2 \sigma^2 \sum_{j \in S^c} \left( \sum_{i \in S} M_{i,j} \varepsilon_i \right)^2 \right) \middle| \mathcal{G} \right) \end{aligned}$$

almost surely. Let  $\delta_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  which are independent of each other, the  $\varepsilon_i$ , the  $\phi_i$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ , with  $\delta_i \sim \text{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ . Since the  $\varepsilon_i$  are independent, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\exp(tZ)|\mathcal{G}) &\leq \mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left( 4t \sum_{j \in S^c} \sum_{i \in S} M_{i,j} \varepsilon_i \delta_j \right) \middle| \mathcal{G} \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left( \prod_{i \in S} \mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left( 4t \sum_{j \in S^c} M_{i,j} \delta_j \varepsilon_i \right) \middle| \mathcal{G}, \phi \right) \middle| \mathcal{G} \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left( \prod_{i \in S} \exp \left( 8t^2 \sigma^2 \left( \sum_{j \in S^c} M_{i,j} \delta_j \right)^2 \right) \middle| \mathcal{G} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left( \exp \left( 8t^2 \sigma^2 \sum_{i \in S} \left( \sum_{j \in S^c} M_{i,j} \delta_j \right)^2 \right) \middle| \mathcal{G} \right)$$

almost surely. Let  $F$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix with  $F_{i,j} = 1$  if  $i = j \in S$  and 0 otherwise. Note that  $F$  is an  $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}))$ -valued measurable matrix on  $(\Omega, \sigma(\phi))$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}(\exp(tZ)|\mathcal{G}) \leq \mathbb{E}(\exp(8t^2\sigma^2\delta^\top(I-F)MFM(I-F)\delta)|\mathcal{G})$$

almost surely. By Lemma 39, there exist an orthogonal matrix  $A$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  which are both  $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}))$ -valued measurable matrices on  $(\Omega, \sigma(\mathcal{G}, \phi))$  such that

$$(I-F)MFM(I-F) = ADA^\top,$$

which is non-negative definite. Since  $A^\top\delta$  and  $\delta$  have the same distribution given  $\mathcal{G}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\exp(tZ)|\mathcal{G}) &\leq \mathbb{E}(\exp(8t^2\sigma^2\delta^\top D\delta)|\mathcal{G}) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(\exp(8t^2\sigma^2 D_{i,i} \delta_i^2) | \mathcal{G}, \phi) \middle| \mathcal{G} \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - 16\sigma^4 D_{i,i} t^2)^{-1/2} \middle| \mathcal{G} \right) \end{aligned}$$

almost surely for  $16\sigma^4(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} D_{i,i})t^2 < 1$  by computing the moment generating function of the  $\delta_i^2$ . We have that  $(1-x)^{-1/2} \leq \exp(x)$  for  $x \in [0, 1/2]$ , so

$$\mathbb{E}(\exp(tZ)|\mathcal{G}) \leq \mathbb{E} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(16\sigma^4 D_{i,i} t^2) \middle| \mathcal{G} \right) = \mathbb{E}(\exp(16\sigma^4 \operatorname{tr}(D)t^2) | \mathcal{G})$$

almost surely for  $32\sigma^4(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} D_{i,i})t^2 \leq 1$ . We have

$$\operatorname{tr}(D) = \operatorname{tr}((I-F)MFM(I-F)) = \sum_{i \in S} \sum_{j \in S^c} M_{i,j}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n M_{i,j}^2 = \operatorname{tr}(M^2)$$

and

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} D_{i,i} \leq \operatorname{tr}(D) \leq \operatorname{tr}(M^2).$$

The result follows. ■

We move the bound on the conditional moment generating function of  $\varepsilon^\top(M - I \circ M)\varepsilon$  to that of  $|\varepsilon^\top(M - I \circ M)\varepsilon|$ .

**Lemma 41** *Let  $\varepsilon_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  which are independent conditional on some sub- $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  and let*

$$\mathbb{E}(\exp(t\varepsilon_i)|\mathcal{G}) \leq \exp(\sigma^2 t^2/2)$$

almost surely for  $t$  a random variable on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$ . Let  $M$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix which is an  $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}))$ -valued measurable matrix on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$ . We have

$$\mathbb{E}(\exp(t|\varepsilon^\top(M - I \circ M)\varepsilon|)|\mathcal{G}) \leq \frac{1}{1 - 2^{7/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}t} 2^{2^{7/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}t}$$

almost surely for  $t \geq 0$ , a random variable on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$ , such that  $2^{7/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}t < 1$ . Hence,

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\frac{|\varepsilon^\top(M - I \circ M)\varepsilon|}{2^{7/2}(\log 2)\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}/\log(5/4)} \middle| \mathcal{G}\right) \leq 2.$$

**Proof** Let

$$Z = \varepsilon^\top(M - I \circ M)\varepsilon.$$

By Lemma 40, we have

$$\mathbb{E}(\exp(tZ)|\mathcal{G}) \leq \exp(16\sigma^4 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)t^2)$$

almost surely for  $t$  a random variable on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$  such that  $32\sigma^4 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)t^2 \leq 1$ . By Chernoff bounding, we have

$$\mathbb{P}(Z \geq z|\mathcal{G}) \leq \exp(-tz + 16\sigma^4 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)t^2)$$

almost surely for  $z \geq 0$ , a random variable on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$ ,  $t \geq 0$  and  $32\sigma^4 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)t^2 \leq 1$ . Minimising over  $t$  gives

$$\mathbb{P}(Z \geq z|\mathcal{G}) \leq \exp\left(-\min\left(\frac{z^2}{2^6\sigma^4 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)}, \frac{z}{2^{7/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}}\right)\right)$$

almost surely. The first term in the minimum is attained by  $t = 2^{-5}\sigma^{-4} \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{-1}z$  when  $z < 2^{5/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}$ , and the second term is attained by  $t = 2^{-5/2}\sigma^{-2} \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{-1/2}$  when  $z \geq 2^{5/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}$ . In the second case, note that

$$16\sigma^4 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)t^2 = \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{z}{2^{7/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}}.$$

The same result holds if we replace  $Z$  with  $-Z$  by replacing  $M$  with  $-M$ . For  $C \geq 1$  and  $t \geq 0$ , random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\exp(t|Z|)|\mathcal{G}) &= \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(|Z| \geq (\log s)/t|\mathcal{G})ds \\ &\leq C + \int_C^\infty \mathbb{P}(|Z| \geq (\log s)/t|\mathcal{G})ds \\ &\leq C + \int_C^\infty \mathbb{P}(Z \geq (\log s)/t|\mathcal{G})ds + \int_C^\infty \mathbb{P}(-Z \geq (\log s)/t|\mathcal{G})ds \\ &\leq C + 2 \int_C^\infty \exp\left(-\min\left(\frac{(\log s)^2}{2^6\sigma^4 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)t^2}, \frac{\log s}{2^{7/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}t}\right)\right) ds \end{aligned}$$

almost surely. By letting  $C \geq \exp(2^{5/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}t)$ , the bound becomes

$$C + 2 \int_C^\infty s^{-(2^{7/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}t)^{-1}} ds.$$

Let  $u = 2^{7/2}\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(M^2)^{1/2}t$ , a random variable on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{G})$ . Differentiating this bound with respect to  $C$  gives  $1 - 2C^{-u-1}$ , so the bound is minimised by  $C = 2^u$ . This satisfies the condition on  $C$  above as

$$e^{2^{5/2}} \leq 3^6 \leq 2^{10} \leq 2^{2^{7/2}}.$$

For  $u < 1$ , the bound becomes

$$\begin{aligned} C + 2 \frac{u}{1-u} C^{-(1-u)/u} &= 2^u + \frac{u}{1-u} 2^{1-(1-u)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-u} 2^u. \end{aligned}$$

The first result follows. Let

$$u = \frac{\log b}{\log 2}$$

for  $b > 1$ . We have

$$\mathbb{E}(\exp(t|Z|)|\mathcal{G}) \leq 2$$

almost surely if  $b^{2^b} \leq 4$ . This holds for  $b = 5/4$  and the second result follows.  $\blacksquare$

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