SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO "CONCENTRATION OF TEMPERED POSTERIORS AND OF THEIR VARIATIONAL APPROXIMATIONS"

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In this document, we provide the toy example announced in the paper, where the MLE (and thus the MAP) are not defined. Then, we show that there is a variational approximation that leads to a consistent estimator. This also implies that the tempered posterior is also consistent in this case.

Consistency of variational approximations in a model where the MAP and the MLE are not defined.

Description of the model. We define the statistical model

$$P_\theta = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

for $\theta = (m, \sigma^2) \in \Theta = \mathbb{R} \times (0, 1)$. Let g_θ denote the density of P_θ with respect to the Lebesgue measure.

The prior π is given by: $m \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ and $\sigma^2 \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ (uniform distribution).

Non-existence of the MLE. It is easy to check that when $X_1, \dots, X_n$ are i.i.d from $P_{(m_0, \sigma_0^2)}$ then the likelihood function

$$
\begin{aligned}
L_n(m, \sigma^2) &= \prod_{i=1}^{n} g_{(m, \sigma^2)}(X_i) \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\sqrt{2\pi})^n} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left[\frac{\exp\left(-\frac{(X_i - m)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2}} + \exp\left(-\frac{X_i^2}{2}\right) \right] \\
&\geq \frac{1}{(2\sqrt{2\pi})^n} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{(X_i - m)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\sum_{j \neq i} \frac{X_j^2}{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

satisfies, for any i,

$$L_n(X_i, \sigma^2) \xrightarrow[\sigma^2 \to 0]{} \infty.$$

Thus, the MLE is not defined. For the same reason, the MAP does not exist either.

A variational approximation family. We define a family $\mathcal{F}$ that will lead to a consistent estimation. Note that in this case, the variational approximation is not meant to be helpful for computational purposes. On the other hand, it is a very natural one. Indeed, the problem with the MLE is that the likelihood has huge variations around each X_i. We will here smooth these variations, creating a kind of maximum of the local mean value of the likelihood. Take the set $\mathcal{F}$ as the set of uniform distributions $\rho_{a,b,c,d}$ over $[a - c, a + c] \times [b - d, b]$, with $(a, b, c, d) \in \mathcal{P} = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : b \in (0, 1), c > 0, 0 < d < b\}$. So we remind that the estimator is then defined as $\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}\theta|X_1^n) = \rho_{\hat{a},\hat{b},\hat{c},\hat{d}}$ where

$$(\hat{a}, \hat{b}, \hat{c}, \hat{d}) = \underset{(a,b,c,d)\in\mathcal{P}}{\arg\min} \left\{ -\alpha \int \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log g_{(m,\sigma^2)}(X_i) \rho_{a,b,c,d}(\mathrm{d}(m, \sigma^2)) \right.$$
$$\left. + \mathcal{K}(\rho_{a,b,c,d}, \pi) \right\}.$$

Note that the family $\mathcal{F}$ is inspired by Catoni's point of view [2] to use a "perturbed MLE" in PAC-Bayesian bounds. An application of Theorem 2.6 leads to the following result.

PROPOSITION 0.1.   *For any $\alpha \in (0, 1)$,*

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int D_\alpha(P_\theta, P_{\theta_0})\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}\theta|X_1^n)\right] \leq \frac{1.5\log\left(\frac{2n}{\sigma_0^2}\right) + m_0^2 + 1.23}{n(1 - \alpha)}.$$

As a corollary, we also have that the tempered posterior $\pi_{n,\alpha}(\cdot|X_1^n)$ satisfies the same inequality.

Proof of Proposition 0.1.   Theorem 2.6 gives

$$(0.1) \quad \mathbb{E}\left[\int D_\alpha(P_\theta, P_{\theta_0})\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}\theta|X_1^n)\right]$$
$$\leq \inf_{(a,b,c,d)\in\mathcal{P}} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \int \mathcal{K}(P_{(m_0,\sigma_0^2)}, P_{(m,\sigma)})\rho_{a,b,c,d}(\mathrm{d}(m, \sigma^2)) \right.$$
$$\left. + \frac{\mathcal{K}(\rho_{a,b,c,d}, \pi)}{n(1 - \alpha)} \right\}.$$

We then have:

$$\mathcal{K}(P_{(m_0,\sigma_0^2)}, P_{(m,\sigma^2)}) = \mathcal{K}\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{N}(m_0, \sigma_0^2) + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{N}(0, 1), \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{N}(0, 1)\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{K}\left(\mathcal{N}(m_0, \sigma_0^2), \mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)\right) \quad \text{(Theorem 11 in [5])}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}\left[\frac{(m_0 - m)^2}{\sigma^2} + \log\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right) + \frac{\sigma_0^2 - \sigma^2}{\sigma^2}\right].$$

Assume that $m \in [m_0 - \sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}, m_0 + \sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}]$ and $\sigma^2 \in [\sigma_0^2 - \delta\sigma_0^2, \sigma_0^2]$ for some $0 < \delta < 1$. Then:

$$\mathcal{K}(P_{(m_0, \sigma_0^2)}, P_{(m, \sigma^2)}) \leq \frac{1}{4}\left[\frac{\delta\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\delta\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2}\right] \leq \frac{\delta\sigma_0^2}{2(\sigma_0^2 - \delta\sigma_0^2)} = \frac{\delta}{2(1-\delta)}.$$

This implies that for any $\delta \in (0, 1)$,

$$\int \mathcal{K}(P_{(m_0, \sigma_0^2)}, P_{(m, \sigma^2)})\rho_{m_0, \sigma_0^2, \sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}, \delta\sigma_0^2}(\mathrm{d}(m, \sigma^2)) \leq \frac{\delta}{2(1-\delta)}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\mathcal{K}(\rho_{m_0, \sigma_0^2, \sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}, \delta\sigma_0^2}, \pi) = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{U}(m_0 - \sqrt{\delta\sigma^2}, m_0 + \sqrt{\delta\sigma^2}), \mathcal{N}(0, 1))$$

$$+ \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{U}(\sigma_0^2 - \delta\sigma_0^2, \sigma_0^2), \mathcal{U}(0, 1))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}}\int_{m_0 - \sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}}^{m_0 + \sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}} \log\left(\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2\sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}\exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2}\right)}\right)\mathrm{d}x$$

$$+ \log\left(\frac{1}{\delta\sigma_0^2}\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}}\int_{-\sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}}^{\sqrt{\delta\sigma_0^2}}\left[\frac{(m_0 + x)^2}{2} + \log\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\delta\sigma_0^2}}\right)\right]\mathrm{d}x$$

$$+ \log\left(\frac{1}{\delta\sigma_0^2}\right)$$

$$\leq m_0^2 + \delta\sigma_0^2 + \frac{1}{2}\log\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{2}\log\left(\frac{1}{\delta\sigma_0^2}\right).$$

Plugging everything into (0.1) gives:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int D_\alpha(P_\theta, P_{\theta_0})\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}\theta|X_1^n)\right]$$

$$\leq \inf_{\delta > 0}\left[\frac{\alpha\delta}{2(1-\alpha)(1-\delta)} + \frac{m_0^2 + \delta\sigma_0^2 + \frac{1}{2}\log\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{2}\log\left(\frac{1}{\delta\sigma_0^2}\right)}{n(1-\alpha)}\right].$$

The value $\delta = 1/(2n)$ gives, using $(1 - \delta) > 1/2$ to simplify things,

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\int D_\alpha(P_\theta, P_{\theta_0})\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}\theta|X_1^n)\right]
$$

$$
\leq \frac{\alpha}{2n(1-\alpha)} + \frac{m_0^2 + \frac{\sigma_0^2}{2n} + \frac{1}{2}\log\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{2}\log\left(\frac{2n}{\sigma_0^2}\right)}{n(1-\alpha)}
$$

$$
\leq \frac{0.5}{n(1-\alpha)} + \frac{m_0^2 + 0.5 + 0.23 + 1.5\log\left(\frac{2n}{\sigma_0^2}\right)}{n(1-\alpha)}.
$$

Proof of Theorem 4.1. Fix $B > 0$, $r \geq 1$ and any pair $(\bar{U}, \bar{V}) \in \mathcal{M}_{r,B}$ and define for $\delta \in (0, B)$ that will be chosen later,

$$
\rho_n(\mathrm{d}U, \mathrm{d}V, \mathrm{d}\gamma) \propto \mathbf{1}(\|U - \bar{U}\|_\infty \leq \delta, \|U - \bar{U}\|_\infty \leq \delta)\pi(\mathrm{d}U, \mathrm{d}V, \mathrm{d}\gamma).
$$

Note that it can be factorized so it belongs to the family $\mathcal{F}$.

We adapt the calculations from [1, 3] to our context. First, note that

$$
\mathcal{K}(P_M, P_{UV^t}) = \frac{1}{mp}\sum_{i=1}^m\sum_{j=1}^p\frac{(M_{i,j} - (UV^t)_{i,j})^2}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{\|M - UV^t\|_F^2}{2\sigma^2 mp}
$$

and that for any (U, V) in the support of ρ_n we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|M - UV^t\|_F &= \|M - \bar{U}\bar{V}^t + \bar{U}\bar{V}^t - \bar{U}V^t + \bar{U}V^t - UV^t\|_F \\
&\leq \|M - \bar{U}\bar{V}^t\|_F + \|\bar{U}\bar{V}^t - \bar{U}V^t\|_F + \|\bar{U}V^t - UV^t\|_F \\
&= \|M - \bar{U}\bar{V}^t\|_F + \|\bar{U}(\bar{V}^t - V^t)\|_F + \|(\bar{U} - U)V^t\|_F \\
&\leq \|M - \bar{U}\bar{V}^t\|_F + \|\bar{U}\|_F\|\bar{V} - V\|_F + \|\bar{U} - U\|_F\|V^t\|_F \\
&\leq \|M - \bar{U}\bar{V}^t\|_F + mp\|\bar{U}\|_\infty^{1/2}\|\bar{V} - V\|_\infty^{1/2} + mp\|V\|_\infty^{1/2}\|\bar{U} - U\|_\infty^{1/2} \\
&\leq \|M - \bar{U}\bar{V}^t\|_F + mp(B^{1/2}\delta^{1/2} + (B + \delta)^{1/2}\delta^{1/2}) \\
&\leq \|M - \bar{U}\bar{V}^t\|_F + 2mp\delta^{1/2}(B + \delta)^{1/2} \\
&\leq \|M - \bar{U}\bar{V}^t\|_F + 2^{3/2}mp\delta^{1/2}B^{1/2} = \|M - \bar{U}\bar{V}^t\|_F + B/n
\end{aligned}
$$

with the choice $\delta = B/[8(nmp)^2]$ which satisfies $0 < \delta < B$. Then, we derive

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{K}(\rho_n, \pi) &= \log\frac{1}{\pi\left(\|U - \bar{U}\|_\infty \leq \delta, \|U - \bar{U}\|_\infty \leq \delta\right)} \\
&= \log\frac{1}{\int \pi\left(\|U - \bar{U}\|_\infty \leq \delta, \|U - \bar{U}\|_\infty \leq \delta|\gamma\right)\pi(\mathrm{d}\gamma)} \\
&= \log\frac{1}{\int \pi\left(\|U - \bar{U}\|_\infty \leq \delta|\gamma\right)\pi(\mathrm{d}\gamma)} + \log\frac{1}{\int \pi\left(\|V - \bar{V}\|_\infty \leq \delta|\gamma\right)\pi(\mathrm{d}\gamma)}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$= \log \frac{1}{\int_E \pi \left(\|U - \bar{U}\|_\infty \le \delta | \gamma \right) \pi(\mathrm{d}\gamma)} + \log \frac{1}{\int_E \pi \left(\|V - \bar{V}\|_\infty \le \delta | \gamma \right) \pi(\mathrm{d}\gamma)}$$

for any event E. We actually take $E = \{\gamma_1, \ldots, \gamma_r \in [B^2, 2B^2], \gamma_{r+1}, \ldots, \gamma_K \in [s, 2s]\}$ and $s \in (0, B^2)$ is to be chosen later. Then note that

$$\pi \left(\|U - \bar{U}\|_\infty \le \delta | \gamma \right) = \pi \left(\forall i, k : |U_{i,k} - \bar{U}_{i,k}| \le \delta | \gamma \right)$$
$$= \prod_{i=1}^{m} \prod_{k=1}^{r} \pi \left(|U_{i,k} - \bar{U}_{i,k}| \le \delta | \gamma_k \right) \pi \left(\max_{i=1}^{m} \max_{k=r+1}^{K} |U_{i,k}| \le \delta \Big| \gamma_{r+1}, \ldots, \gamma_K \right).$$

First,

$$\pi \left(\max_{i=1}^{m} \max_{k=r+1}^{K} |U_{i,k}| \le \delta \Big| \gamma_{r+1}, \ldots, \gamma_K \right)$$

$$= 1 - \pi \left(\max_{i=1}^{m} \max_{k=r+1}^{K} |U_{i,k}| > \delta \Big| \gamma_{r+1}, \ldots, \gamma_K \right)$$

$$\ge 1 - \pi \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=r+1}^{K} |U_{i,k}| > \delta \Big| \gamma_{r+1}, \ldots, \gamma_K \right)$$

$$\ge 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=r+1}^{K} \pi \left(|U_{i,k}| | \gamma_k \right)}{\delta}$$

$$\ge 1 - \frac{m(K-r) \max_{k \ge r+1} \sqrt{\gamma_k}}{\delta}$$

$$\ge 1 - \frac{mK\sqrt{2s}}{\delta} = 1/2$$

with $s = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\delta}{2(m \vee p)K} \right)^2$ which satisfies $0 < s < B^2$. Then, for $k \le r$,

$$\pi \left(|U_{i,k} - \bar{U}_{i,k}| \le \delta | \gamma_k \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\gamma_k}} \int_{\bar{U}_{i,k}-\delta}^{\bar{U}_{i,k}+\delta} \exp \left(-\frac{x^2}{2\gamma_k} \right) \mathrm{d}x$$

$$\ge \frac{2\delta \exp \left(-\frac{(B+\delta)^2}{2\gamma_k} \right)}{\sqrt{2\pi\gamma_k}}$$

$$\ge \frac{\delta \exp \left(-\frac{(B+\delta)^2}{2B^2} \right)}{B\sqrt{\pi}} \quad \text{as } B^2 \le \gamma_k \le 2B^2$$

$$\ge \frac{\delta \exp(-2)}{B\sqrt{\pi}} \quad \text{as } \delta < 1 \le B$$

and so

$$\prod_{i=1}^{m} \prod_{k=1}^{r} \pi \left(|U_{i,k} - \bar{U}_{i,k}| \le \delta | \gamma_k \right) \ge \left(\frac{\delta}{B\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^{mr} \exp(-2mr).$$

Finally

$$\int_E \pi\left(\|U - \bar{U}\|_\infty \le \delta|\gamma\right)\pi(\mathrm{d}\gamma) \ge \int_E \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\delta}{B\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{mr}\exp\left(-2mr\right)\pi(\mathrm{d}\gamma)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\delta}{B\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{mr}\exp\left(-2mr\right)\pi(\gamma \in E)$$

and it remains to lower bound

$$\pi(\gamma \in E) = \left(\prod_{k=1}^r \pi(1 \le \gamma_k \le 2)\right)\left(\prod_{k=r+1}^K \pi(s \le \gamma_k \le 2s)\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)}\right)^K \left[\int_{B^2}^{2B^2} x^{-a-1}\exp\left(-\frac{b}{x}\right)\mathrm{d}x\right]^r \left[\int_s^{2s} x^{-a-1}\exp\left(-\frac{b}{x}\right)\mathrm{d}x\right]^{K-r}$$

$$\ge \left(\frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)}\right)^K \left[B^2(2B^2)^{-a-1}\exp\left(-\frac{b}{B^2}\right)\right]^r \left[s(2s)^{-a-1}\exp\left(-\frac{b}{s}\right)\right]^{K-r}$$

$$= \left(\frac{b^a}{2^{a+1}\Gamma(a)}\right)^K \exp\left[-\frac{b}{B^2}r - \frac{b}{s}(K-r)\right](B^2)^{-(a+1)r}s^{-a(K-r)}$$

$$\ge \left(\frac{b^a}{(B^2)^a 2^{a+1}\Gamma(a)}\right)^K \exp\left[-\frac{Kb}{s}\right]$$

as $s < B^2$. So, finally,

$$\mathcal{K}(\rho_n, \pi) \le r(m+p)\log\left(\frac{B\sqrt{\pi}\exp(2)}{\delta}\right) + K\left[\log\left(\frac{2^{a+1}\Gamma(a)(B^2)^a}{b^a}\right) + \frac{b}{s}\right] + 2\log(2).$$

The choice $b = s$ leads to

$$\mathcal{K}(\rho_n, \pi) \le r(m+p)\log\left(\frac{B\sqrt{\pi}\exp(2)}{\delta}\right) + K\log\left(\frac{\mathrm{e}2^{a+1}\Gamma(a)(B^2)^a}{s^a}\right) + 2\log(2)$$

$$\le r(m+p)\log\left(8\sqrt{\pi}\exp(2)(nmp)^2\right) + 4aK\log\left(nmp\right)$$

$$+ K\log(\mathrm{e}2^{10a+1}\Gamma(a)) + 2\log(2)$$

where we replaced δ and s by their respective value. In order to keep the expressions as simple as possible we can use $K \le m \vee p \le m+p \le r(m+p)$ and $2 \le m+p \le r(m+p)$ to get

$$\mathcal{K}(\rho_n, \pi) \le 2(1+2a)r(m+p)\left[\log(nmp) + \underbrace{\log(8\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(a)2^{10a+1}) + 3}_{=:\mathcal{C}(a)}\right].$$

We are now in position to apply Theorem 2.6. Then

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int D_\alpha(P_\theta, P_{\theta_0})\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}\theta|X_1^n)\right]$$

$$\leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}\int \mathcal{K}(P_{\theta_0}, P_\theta)\rho_n(\mathrm{d}\theta) + \frac{\mathcal{K}(\rho_n, \pi)}{n(1-\alpha)}$$

$$\leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}\frac{\left[\|M - \bar{U}\bar{V}^t\|_F + \frac{\sqrt{B}}{n}\right]^2}{2\sigma^2 mp}$$

$$+ \frac{2(1+\alpha)(1+2a)r(m+p)\left[\log(nmp) + \mathcal{C}(a, B)\right]}{n(1-\alpha)}.$$

Proof of Corollary 4.2. We start from (4.1). Under the boundedness assumption on M_0 it is obvious that $\forall M, d_{\alpha,\sigma}(M, M_0) \geq d_{\alpha,\sigma}(\mathrm{clip}_C(M), M_0)$, so

$$(0.2) \quad \mathbb{E}\left[\int d_{\alpha,\sigma}(\mathrm{clip}_C(M), M_0)\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}M|X_1^n)\right]$$

$$\leq \frac{2(1+\alpha)(1+2a)r(m+p)\left[\log(nmp) + \mathcal{C}(a) + \frac{\alpha B}{2\sigma^2 mp}\right]}{n(1-\alpha)}.$$

Fix M and for short, put $N = \mathrm{clip}_C(M)$. We have:

$$d_{\alpha,\sigma}(N, M_0) = \frac{-1}{1-\alpha}\log\left[\frac{1}{mp}\sum_{i=1}^m\sum_{j=1}^p\exp\left(\frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(N_{i,j} - (M_0)_{i,j})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\right]$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{1-\alpha}\left[1 - \frac{1}{mp}\sum_{i=1}^m\sum_{j=1}^p\exp\left(\frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(N_{i,j} - (M_0)_{i,j})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\right].$$

By assumption, $(N_{i,j} - (M_0)_{i,j})^2/(2\sigma^2) \leq (2C)^2/(2\sigma^2) = 2C^2/\sigma^2$. Straightforward derivations show that for any $x \in [0, 2C^2/\sigma^2]$ we have

$$1 - \left(\frac{\sigma^2[1 - \exp(2C^2\alpha(\alpha-1)/\sigma^2)]}{2C^2}\right)x \geq \exp(\alpha(\alpha-1)x),$$

this leads to

$$d_{\alpha,\sigma}(N, M_0) \geq \frac{1}{1-\alpha}\frac{\sigma^2[1 - \exp(2C^2\alpha(\alpha-1)/\sigma^2)]}{2C^2}\frac{\|N - M_0\|_F^2}{2\sigma^2}.$$

Pluging this into (0.2) gives the result claimed.

Proof of Theorem 5.1. Let (β_k^0) denote the coefficients of f^0: $f_0 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta_k^0 \varphi_k$. Theorem 2.6 gives:

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\int D_\alpha(P_f, P_{f_0})\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}\theta|X_1^n)\right]
$$

$$
\leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \inf_{K\geq 1} \inf_{\mathbf{m},s^2} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{2} \int \int_{-1}^{1} \left(f_0 - \sum_{k=1}^{K} \beta_k \varphi_k\right)^2 \Phi(\mathrm{d}\beta, \mathbf{m}, s^2) \right.
$$

$$
\left. + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{1}{2}\left[\log\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + s^2 + m_k^2 - 1\right] + K\log(2)}{n} \right\}
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \inf_{K\geq 1} \inf_{\mathbf{m},s^2} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{2} \int \int_{-1}^{1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta_k^0 - \sum_{k=1}^{K} \beta_k \varphi_k\right)^2 \Phi(\mathrm{d}\beta, \mathbf{m}, s^2) \right.
$$

$$
\left. + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{1}{2}\left[\log\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + s^2 + m_k^2 - 1\right] + K\log(2)}{n} \right\}
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \inf_{K\geq 1} \inf_{\mathbf{m},s^2} \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{K} (m_k - \beta_k^0)^2 + \frac{\alpha K s^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{k=K+1}^{\infty} (\beta_k^0)^2 \right.
$$

$$
\left. + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{1}{2}\left[\log\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + s^2 + m_k^2 - 1\right] + K\log(2)}{n} \right\}.
$$

The choice $(m_1, \ldots, m_K) = (\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_K)$ gives:

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\int D_\alpha(P_f, P_{f_0})\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}\theta|X_1^n)\right] \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \inf_{K\geq 1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha K s^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{k=K+1}^{\infty} (\beta_k^0)^2 \right.
$$

$$
\left. + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{1}{2}\left[\log\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + s^2 + (\beta_k^0)^2 - 1\right] + K\log(2)}{n} \right\}.
$$

From Chapter 1 in [4] we know that $f_0 \in \mathcal{W}(r, C^2)$ implies $\sum_{k=K+1}^{\infty}(\beta_k^0)^2 \leq \Lambda(r,C)K^{-2r}$ for some $\Lambda(k, C)$. Moreover, $\sum_{k=1}^{K}(\beta_k^0)^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty}k^{2r}(\beta_k^0)^2 \leq C^2$. So finally:

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\int D_\alpha(P_f, P_{f_0})\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}\theta|X_1^n)\right] \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \inf_{K\geq 1} \left\{ \frac{\alpha\Lambda(r,C)}{2} K^{-2r} \right.
$$

$$
\left. + \frac{\alpha K s^2}{2} + \frac{K\left[\log(2) + \frac{s^2}{2} + \frac{\log(\frac{1}{s^2})}{2}\right] + C^2}{n} \right\}.
$$

The choice $s^2 = 1/n$ leads to

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int D_\alpha(P_f, P_{f_0})\tilde{\pi}_{n,\alpha}(\mathrm{d}\theta|X_1^n)\right] \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha}\inf_{K\geq 1}\left\{\frac{\alpha\Lambda(r,C)}{2}K^{-2r}\right.$$
$$\left. + \frac{K\left[\log(2) + \frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{\log(n)}{2}\right] + C^2}{n}\right\}.$$

The choice $K = \lceil (n/\log(n))^{1/(2r+1)}) \rceil$ leads to the result.

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