1 Simple model

Definitions

We find the best model for y over function class \mathcal{G} . Presume $g^* \in \mathcal{G}$ is the true model and

$$y = q^*(X) + \epsilon$$

where ϵ are sub-Gaussian errors for constants K and σ_0^2

$$\max_{i=1:n} K^2 \left(E \left[\exp(|\epsilon_i|^2 K^2) - 1 \right] \right) \le \sigma_0^2$$

Given a training set T, We define the fitted models

$$\hat{g}_{\lambda} = \|y - g\|_T^2 + \lambda^2 I^v(g)$$

Given a validation set V , let the CV-fitted model be

$$\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}} = \arg\min_{\lambda} \|y - \hat{g}_{\lambda}\|_{V}^{2}$$

We will suppose $I(g^*) > 0$.

Assumptions

Suppose the entropy of the class \mathcal{G}' is

$$H\left(\delta, \mathcal{G}' = \left\{\frac{g - g^*}{I(g) + I(g^*)} : g \in \mathcal{G}, I(g) + I(g^*) > 0\right\}, P_T\right) \leq \tilde{A}\delta^{-\alpha}$$
(1)

Suppose $v > 2\alpha/(2+\alpha)$.

Suppose for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$, $I^v(\hat{g}_{\lambda})$ is upper bounded by $\|\hat{g}_{\lambda}\|_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{g}_{\lambda}(x_i)$. See Lemma 1 below for the specific assumption. This assumption includes Ridge, Lasso, Generalized Lasso, and the Group Lasso

Result 1: Single λ , Single Penalty, cross-validation over general X_T, X_V

Suppose that the training and validation set are independently sampled, so the values X_i are not necessarily the same. Suppose the training and validation sets are both of size n. Suppose X is bounded s.t. $|X| \leq R_X$ and the domain of $g \in \mathcal{G}$ is over $(-R_X, R_X)$.

Suppose the same entropy bound (2) for both the training set P_T and validation set P_V .

Suppose for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$, $I^{v}(\hat{g}_{\lambda})$ is upper bounded by its L_{2} -norm with some constant M and M_{0} such that

$$I^{v}(\hat{g}_{\lambda}) \le M \|\hat{g}_{\lambda}\|_{n}^{2} + M_{0}$$

Suppose the entropy bound for both training set P_T and validation set P_V . Suppose that

$$\sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \frac{\|g - g^*\|_{\infty}}{I(g) + I(g^*)} \le K < \infty$$

Let $\tilde{\lambda}$ be the optimal λ by Vandegeer. Then

$$\left\|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\right\|_{V} = O_{p}\left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}\right) \left(I^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)}(g^{*}) + I(g^{*})\right)$$

and $\|\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}} - g^*\|_V$ is of the same order (differs by some constant).

Proof:

By the triangle inequality,

$$\|\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}} - g^*\|_V \le \|\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}\|_V + \|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - g^*\|_V$$

We bound each component on the RHS separately.

First bound $\|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - g^*\|_V$. By Vandegeer Thrm 10.2 and Lemma 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - g^*\|_{V} & \leq \|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - g^*\|_{T} + \left| \|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - g^*\|_{V} - \|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - g^*\|_{T} \right| \\ & \leq O_{p} \left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)} \right) I^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)}(g^*) + O_{p} \left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)} \right) \left(I(g^*) + I(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}) \right) \\ & \leq O_{p} \left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)} \right) \left(I^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)}(g^*) + I(g^*) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Next bound $\|\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}\|_{V}$. The basic inequality gives us

$$\left\|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\right\|_{V}^{2} \leq 2\left|\left(\epsilon, \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\right)_{V}\right| + 2\left|\left(g^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}, \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\right)_{V}\right|$$

Case a: $\left|\left(\epsilon,\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}-\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\right)_{T}\right|$ is the bigger term on the RHS By Vandegeer (10.6),

$$\|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\|_{V}^{2} \leq O_{P}(n^{-1/2}) \|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\|^{1-\alpha/2} \left(I(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}) + I(\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}})\right)^{\alpha/2}$$

If $I(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}) > I(\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}})$, then

$$\|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\|_{V} \le O_P(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)})I(g^*)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)}$$

Otherwise, suppose $I(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}) < I(\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}})$. Since I is a pseudo-norm,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}} \right\|_{V} & \leq O_{P}(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}) I(\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}})^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} \\ & \leq O_{P}(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}) \left(I(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}) + I(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}) \right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

If $I(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}) \leq I(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}})$, then we're done. Otherwise if $I(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}) \geq I(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}})$, by the assumption that $I^{V}(\cdot)$ is bounded by the L2 norm,

$$\|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\|_{V} \le O_{P}(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}) \left(M\|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\|_{V}^{2} + M_{0}\right)^{\alpha/\nu(2+\alpha)}$$

If M_0 is bigger, we're done. Otherwise,

$$\|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\|_{V} \le O_{P}(n^{-v/(2v-2\alpha+\alpha v)}) < O_{P}(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)})$$

Case b: $|(g^* - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}, \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}})_V|$ is the bigger term on the RHS By Cauchy Schwarz,

$$\left\|\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}}\right\|_{V} \le O_{P}(1) \left\|g^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}}\right\|_{V}$$

2 General Additive Model

Definitions

We find the best model for y over function classes $\mathcal{G} = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j : g_j \in \mathcal{G}_j \right\}$. Suppose we observe:

$$y = \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j^* + \epsilon$$

where $\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j^* \in \mathcal{G}$. Suppose ϵ are sub-Gaussian errors for constants K and σ_0^2 :

$$\max_{i=1:n} K^2 \left(E \left[\exp(|\epsilon_i|^2 K^2) - 1 \right] \right) \le \sigma_0^2$$

Given a training set T , we fit models by least squares with multiple penalties

$$\{\hat{g}_{\lambda,j}\}_{j=1}^{J} = \arg\min_{\sum g_j \in \mathcal{G}} \|y - \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j\|_T^2 + \lambda^2 \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j^{v_j}(g_j)$$

Given a validation set V, let the CV-fitted model be

$$\{\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j}\}_{j=1}^{J} = \arg\min_{\lambda} \|y - \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\lambda,j}\|_{V}^{2}$$

Reasonable assumption:

• The entropy bound (2) in result 2 comes from the assumptions in Lemma 3. The α below is $\alpha = \max_{j=1:J} {\alpha_j}$, so convergence is only as fast as fitting the highest-entropy function class. The constant A must be appropriately inflated such that the entropy bound holds for all $\delta \in (0, R]$.

"Special" assumptions:

- We assume exponents $v_j = 1$, whereas Vandegeer Thrm 10.2 only assumes $v > 2\alpha/(2 + \alpha)$. Without this assumption, I wasn't able to form inequalities between $\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(g_j) \leq something + \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j^{v_j}(g_j)$. Indeed, Remark 1 in "High-dimensional Additive Modeling" (Vandegeer 2009) notes the importance of using the semi-norm instead of the square of the semi-norm.
- We suppose the following incoherence condition, in the spirit of Vandegeer 2014 "The additive model with different smoothness for the components": Let $p_V(\vec{x})$ be the empirical density over the validation set. Let p_{Vj} be the marginal density of x_j for the empirical distribution of the validation set. Let

$$r_V(\vec{x}) = \frac{p_V(\vec{x})}{\prod_{j=1}^J p_{V_j}(x_j)}, \ \gamma_V^2 = \int r_V(\vec{x}) \prod_{j=1}^J p_{V_j}(x_j) d\mu$$

Suppose that $\gamma_V < 1/(J-1)$. Furthermore, we will suppose that $\int g_j p_{Vj} d\mu = 0$ for j = 2, ..., J.

Result 2: Additive Model with multiple penalties, Single oracle λ over X_T Suppose there is some $0 < \alpha < 2$ s.t. for all $\delta \in (0, R]$,

$$H\left(\delta, \left\{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j - g_j^*}{\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(g_j) + I_j(g_j^*)} : g_j \in \mathcal{G}_j, \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(g_j) + I_j(g_j^*) > 0\right\}, \|\cdot\|_T\right) \le A\delta^{-\alpha}$$
 (2)

If λ is chosen s.t.

$$\tilde{\lambda}_{T}^{-1} = O_{p}\left(n^{1/(2+\alpha)}\right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*})\right)^{(2-\alpha)/2(2+\alpha)}$$

then

$$\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_j - g_j^*\|_T = O_p\left(\tilde{\lambda}_T\right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(g_j^*)\right)^{1/2}$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(\hat{g}_j) = O_p(1) \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(g_j^*)$$

Proof:

The basic inequality gives us:

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{j} - g_{j}^{*} \right\|_{T}^{2} + \lambda^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(\hat{g}_{j}) \leq 2 \left| \left(\epsilon_{T}, \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{j} - g_{j}^{*} \right) \right| + \lambda^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*})$$

Case 1: $\left| \left(\epsilon_T, \sum_{j=1}^J \hat{g}_j - g_j^* \right) \right| \le \lambda^2 \sum_{j=1}^J I_j(g_j^*)$

$$\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_j - g_j^*\|_T \le O_p(\lambda) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(g_j^*)\right)^{1/2}$$

Case 2: $\left| \left(\epsilon_T, \sum_{j=1}^J \hat{g}_j - g_j^* \right) \right| \ge \lambda^2 \sum_{j=1}^J I_j(g_j^*)$ By Vandegeer (10.6), the basic inequality becomes

$$\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_j - g_j^*\|_T^2 + \lambda^2 \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(\hat{g}_j) \le O_p\left(n^{-1/2}\right) \|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_j - g_j^*\|_T^{1-\alpha/2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(\hat{g}_j) + I_j(g_j^*)\right)^{\alpha/2}$$

Case 2a: $\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(\hat{g}_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(g_j^*)$

$$\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{j} - g_{j}^{*}\|_{T} \leq O_{p}\left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}\right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*})\right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)}$$

Case 2b: $\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(\hat{g}_{j}) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*})$ Then

$$\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(\hat{g}_j) \leq O_p\left(n^{-1/(2-\alpha)}\right) \lambda^{-4/(2-\alpha)} \|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_j - g_j^*\|_T$$

Hence

$$\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{j} - g_{j}^{*} \|_{T} \leq O_{p} \left(n^{-1/(2-\alpha)} \right) \lambda^{-2\alpha/(2-\alpha)}$$

Result 3: Additive Model with multiple penalties, Single cross-validation λ over general X_T, X_V

Suppose that the training and validation set are independently sampled, so the values X_i are not necessarily the same. Suppose the training and validation sets are both of size n. Suppose X is bounded s.t. $|X| \leq R_X$ and the domain of $g \in \mathcal{G}$ is over $(-R_X, R_X)$.

Suppose the same entropy bound (2) for both the training set P_T and validation set P_V . In addition to the assumptions in Result 4, suppose the infinity norm is also bounded

$$\sup_{g_j \in \mathcal{G}_j} \frac{\|\sum_{j=1}^J g_j - g_j^*\|_{\infty}}{\sum_{j=1}^J I_j(g_j) + I_j(g_j^*)} \le K < \infty$$

Suppose there exist constants M, M_0 s.t. for all j and all $\lambda \in \Lambda$

$$I_j\left(\hat{g}_{\lambda,j}\right) \le M \|\hat{g}_{\lambda,j}\|_V^2 + M_0$$

Special assumption: Suppose the incoherence condition $\gamma_V < 1/(J-1)$. We will also suppose $\int g_j p_{Vj} d\mu = 0$ for j = 2, ..., J.

Let $\tilde{\lambda}$ be the optimal λ as specified in Result 2. Then

$$\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j}\|_{V} = O_{p}\left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}\right) \left(1 - \gamma(J-1)\right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} \left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*})\right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*}) + \left\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*}\right\|_{V}^{\alpha/2(2+\alpha)}\right) dt + C_{p}\left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}\right) \left(1 - \gamma(J-1)\right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} \left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*})\right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*}) + \left\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*}\right\|_{V}^{\alpha/2(2+\alpha)}\right) dt + C_{p}\left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}\right) \left(1 - \gamma(J-1)\right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} \left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*})\right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} + \left\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*})\right\|_{V}^{\alpha/2(2+\alpha)}\right) dt + C_{p}\left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}\right) \left(1 - \gamma(J-1)\right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} \left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*})\right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*})\right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)}\right) dt + C_{p}\left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}\right) dt + C_{p}$$

and $\left\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j}\right\|_{V}$ is on the same order (differs by a constant).

Proof:

By the triangle inequality,

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}, j} \right\|_{V} \leq \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda}, j} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}, j} \right\|_{V} + \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}, j} \right\|_{V}$$

By Lemma 2 and Result 2, we can easily bound $\left\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j}\right\|_{V}$.

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}, j} \right\|_{V} \leq \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}, j} \right\|_{T} + \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}, j} \right\|_{T} - \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda}, j} \right\|_{V}$$

$$\leq O_{p} \left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)} \right) \left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*}) \right)^{\alpha/(2+\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*}) \right)$$

Next bound $\left\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j}\right\|_{V}$. By definition of $\hat{\lambda}$, we have the basic inequality

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right\|_{V}^{2} \leq 2 \left| \left(\epsilon, \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right)_{V} \right| + 2 \left| \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j}, \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right)_{V} \right|$$

Case 1:
$$\left| \left(\epsilon, \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right)_{V} \right|$$
 is bigger

By Vandegeer (10.6),

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right\|_{V}^{1+\alpha/2} \leq O_{p}(n^{-1/2}) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j}) + I_{j}(\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j}) \right)^{\alpha/2}$$

If $\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j}) \ge \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j})$, we're done. Otherwise, suppose $\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(\hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j}) < \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j})$. Since all the penalties are bounded by the L2 norm

$$\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j}) \leq M \sum_{j=1}^{J} \|\hat{g}_{\lambda j}\|_{V}^{2} + M_{0}J$$

$$\leq M (1 - \gamma(J - 1)) \|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j}\|_{V}^{2} + M_{0}J$$

where the latter inequality is due to the incoherence assumption and Lemma 4. Then

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right\|_{V}^{1+\alpha/2} \leq O_{p}(n^{-1/2}) \left(M \left(1 - \gamma(J-1) \right) \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right\|_{V}^{2} + M_{0}J \right)^{\alpha/2}$$

If M_0J is the biggest, we're done. Otherwise,

$$\begin{split} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right\|_{V}^{1+\alpha/2} & \leq & O_{p}(n^{-1/2}) \left(1 - \gamma(J-1)\right)^{\alpha/2} \| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \|_{V}^{\alpha} \\ & \leq & O_{p}(n^{-1/2}) \left(1 - \gamma(J-1)\right)^{\alpha/2} \left(\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right\|_{V} + \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - g_{j}^{*} \right\|_{V} + \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} \right\|_{V} \right)^{\alpha} \end{split}$$

If $\left\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j}\right\|_{V}$ or $\left\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - g_{j}^{*}\right\|_{V}$ is the biggest on the RHS, then the rate is faster than $O_{p}(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)})$. If $\left\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*}\right\|_{V}$ is the biggest, then

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right\|_{V} \leq O_{p}(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)}) \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} \right\|_{V}^{\alpha/2(2+\alpha)}$$

Case 2: $\left| \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j}, \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right)_{V} \right|$ is bigger By Cauchy Schwarz,

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right\|_{V} \leq O_{p}(1) \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} \right\|_{V}$$

3 General Additive Model: Multiple Lambdas

Definitions

We find the best model for y over function classes $\mathcal{G} = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j : g_j \in \mathcal{G}_j \right\}$. Suppose we observe:

$$y = \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j^* + \epsilon$$

where $\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j^* \in \mathcal{G}$. Suppose ϵ are sub-Gaussian errors for constants K and σ_0^2 :

$$\max_{i=1:n} K^2 \left(E \left[\exp(|\epsilon_i|^2 K^2) - 1 \right] \right) \le \sigma_0^2$$

Given a training set T, we fit models by least squares with multiple penalties and tuning parameters

$$\{\hat{g}_{\lambda,j}\}_{j=1}^{J} = \arg\min_{\sum g_j \in \mathcal{G}} \|y - \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j\|_T^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{J} \lambda_j^2 I_j^{v_j}(g_j)$$

Suppose $1 \le v_j \le 2$.

Given a validation set V, let the CV-fitted model be

$$\{\hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j}\}_{j=1}^{J} = \arg\min_{\lambda} \|y - \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\lambda,j}\|_{V}^{2}$$

Result 4: Additive Model, Oracle $\{\lambda_i\}$ given X_T

These results are implied by Vandegeer's paper "The additive model with different smoothness for the components."

Suppose for all j = 1 : J

$$\mathcal{H}\left(\delta, \left\{\frac{g_j - g_j^*}{I(g_j) + I(g_j^*)}\right\}, \|\cdot\|_n\right) \le A_j \delta^{-\alpha_j} \forall \delta > 0$$

Let

$$\lambda_i = O_p(n^{-1/(2+\alpha_j)})$$

and

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}^{q_{j}}(g_{j}^{*})\right)^{1/2} \lambda_{\max} = O_{P}(1)R$$

There are some constants c_1, c_2 s.t. for $\lambda_j = O_p(n^{-1/(2+\alpha_j)})$, we have

$$\|\sum g_j^* - \sum \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j}\| \le c_2 \lambda_{(j)}$$

where $(j) = \arg \max \alpha_j$. That is, the convergence rate depends on the highest-entropy function class (with respect to the penalty)

$$\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j^* - \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g_j}\|_T = O_p(n^{-1/(2+\alpha_{(j)})})$$

Jean's version of the Proof for Vandegeer Thrm 3.1:

Suppose for some constant R, we define the function class

$$\mathcal{M}(R) = \left\{ \{g_j\} : (\lambda_j/R)^{(1-q_j)/q_j} \lambda_j I_j (g_j - g_j^*) \le R, \ \| \sum_{j=1}^J g_j - g_j^* \|_T \le R \right\}$$

Recall that

$$\sup_{g_j \in \mathcal{G}_j} \frac{\left| (\epsilon^T, g_j - g_j^*) \right|}{\left(I_j(g_j) + I_j(g_j^*) \right)^{\alpha_j/2} \|g_j - g_j^*\|^{1 - \alpha_j/2}} = O_p(n^{-1/2})$$

By our choice of λ , we have that for function sets $\{g_j - g_j^*\} \in \mathcal{M}(R)$, the empirical process term decreases with n:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (\epsilon^{T}, g_{j} - g_{j}^{*}) \right| &\leq O_{P}(n^{-1/2}) \left(I_{j}(g_{j}) + I_{j}(g_{j}^{*}) \right)^{\alpha_{j}/2} \|g_{j} - g_{j}^{*}\|^{1 - \alpha_{j}/2} \\ &\leq O_{P}(n^{-1/2}) \left(\lambda_{j}^{-1/q_{j}} R^{1/q_{j}} \right)^{\alpha_{j}/2} R^{1 - \alpha_{j}/2} \\ &\leq O_{P}(n^{-1/(2 + \alpha_{j})}) R^{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence for sufficiently large n, Vandegeer Lemma's 5.4 (Jean's version below) states that the fitted functions \hat{g}_i are also within R of the truth:

$$\{\hat{g}_j - g_j^*\} \in \mathcal{M}(R) \implies \|\sum_{j=1}^J g_j^* - \hat{g}_j\|_T \le R$$

Now we just need to determine the right value for R. Choose n sufficiently large s.t. the penalty term for function (j) is the highest (for the truth)

$$\lambda_j^2 I_j^{q_j}(g_j^*) \le \lambda_{(j)}^2 I_{(j)}^{q_{(j)}}(g_{(j)}^*) \ \forall j$$

Then choose R s.t.

$$\left(\lambda_{(j)}^2 I_{(j)}^{q_{(j)}}(g_{(j)}^*)\right)^{1/2} J^{1/2} = O_P(1) R$$

Hence

$$\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{j}\|_{T} \leq n^{-1/(2+\alpha_{(j)})} J^{1/2} I_{(j)}^{q_{(j)}/2}(g_{(j)}^{*})$$

Result 5: Additive Model, Cross-validated $\{\lambda_i\}$ over general X_T, X_V

Assume the same conditions as result 4, but also for the validation set.

Condition 2.4: Incoherence condition on the validation set. Let $p_V(\vec{x})$ be the empirical density over the validation set. Let p_{Vj} be the marginal density of x_j for the empirical distribution of the validation set. Let

$$r_V(\vec{x}) = \frac{p_V(\vec{x})}{\prod_{j=1}^J p_{V_j}(x_j)}, \ \gamma_V^2 = \int r_V(\vec{x}) \prod_{j=1}^J p_{V_j}(x_j) d\mu$$

Suppose that $\gamma_V < 1/(J-1)$. Furthermore, we will suppose that $\int g_j p_{Vj} d\mu = 0$ for j = 2, ..., J. Additionally, suppose there exist constants M, M_0 s.t. for all j and all $\lambda \in \Lambda$

$$I_j\left(\hat{g}_{\lambda,j}\right) \le M \|\hat{g}_{\lambda,j}\|_V^2 + M_0$$

Let λ be the optimal $\{\lambda_i\}$ as specified in Result 4. Then

$$\begin{split} \| \sum_{j=1}^{J} \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} \|_{V} &= O_{p} \left(n^{-1/(2+\alpha_{(j)})} \right) (1 - \gamma(J-1))^{\alpha_{(j)}/(2+\alpha_{(j)})} \left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*}) \right)^{\alpha_{(j)}/(2+\alpha_{(j)})} + \sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(g_{j}^{*}) + \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} \right\|_{V}^{\alpha_{(j)}/2(2+\alpha_{(j)})} \right. \\ &\text{and} \left\| \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\hat{\lambda},j} \right\|_{V} = O_{p}(1) \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j}^{*} - \hat{g}_{\tilde{\lambda},j} \right\|_{T}. \end{split}$$

Proof:

Exactly the same as Result 3

Lemmas

Lemma 1:

Suppose for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$, the penalty function $I^v(g_\lambda)$ is upper-bounded by $\|g_\lambda\|_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g_\lambda^2(x_i)$ with constants M_0 and M:

$$I^{v}(g_{\lambda}) \leq M \|g_{\lambda}\|_{n}^{2} + M_{0}$$

Suppose there is some function $g \in \mathcal{G}$ such that

$$||g - g_{\lambda}||_{n}^{1+\alpha/2} \le O_{p}(n^{-1/2})I^{\alpha/2}(g_{\lambda})$$

Then

$$||g - g_{\lambda}||_n \le O_p(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)})M^{\alpha v/(2+\alpha)}||g||_n^{2\alpha/v(2+\alpha)}$$

Proof:

From the assumptions, we have

$$\|g - g_{\lambda}\|_{n}^{1+\alpha/2} \le O_{p}(n^{-1/2}) \left(M\|g_{\lambda}\|_{n}^{2} + M_{0}\right)^{\alpha/2v}$$

If $M_0 > ||g_{\lambda}||_n^2$, we're done. Otherwise,

$$||g - g_{\lambda}||_{n}^{1+\alpha/2} \leq O_{p}(n^{-1/2})M^{\alpha/2v}||g_{\lambda}||_{n}^{\alpha/v}$$

$$\leq O_{p}(n^{-1/2})M^{\alpha/2v}(||g_{\lambda} - g||_{n} + ||g||_{n})^{\alpha/v}$$

Case 1: $||g_{\lambda} - g||_n \ge ||g||_n$

Then

$$||g - g_{\lambda}||_n \le O_p(n^{-v/(2v + \alpha v - 2\alpha)})M^{\alpha v^2/(2v + \alpha v - 2\alpha)}$$

Note that $\sup_v -\frac{v}{2v+\alpha v-2\alpha} = -\frac{1}{2+\alpha}$, so this rate is faster than $O_p(n^{-\frac{1}{2+\alpha}})$. Case 2: $||g_{\lambda} - g||_n \le ||g||_n$

Then

$$||g - g_{\lambda}||_n \le O_n(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)})M^{\alpha v/(2+\alpha)}||g||_n^{2\alpha/v(2+\alpha)}$$

I believe we can often provide a good estimate of M for the entire class \mathcal{G} , which means that we can always estimate the sample size needed to ensure this case never occurs. That is, I believe we can often estimate M s.t.

$$I^{v}(g) \le M \|g\|_{n}^{2} + M_{0} \forall g \in \mathcal{G}$$

Lemma 2:

Let $P_{n'}$ and $P_{n''}$ be empirical distributions over $\{X_i'\}_{i=1}^n$, $\{X_i''\}_{i=1}^n$. Let $P_{2n} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{n'} + P_{n''})$. Suppose X is bounded s.t. $|X| < R_X$.

Let $\mathcal{G}' = \left\{ \frac{g - g^*}{I(g) + I(g^*)} : g \in \mathcal{G}, I(g) + I(g^*) > 0 \right\}$. Suppose g is defined over the domain over X (and zero otherwise). Suppose

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{G}'} \|f\|_{P_{2n}} \le R < \infty, \quad \sup_{f \in \mathcal{G}'} \|f\|_{\infty} \le K < \infty$$

and

$$H\left(\delta, \mathcal{G}', P_{n'}\right) \leq \tilde{A}\delta^{-\alpha}, \ H\left(\delta, \mathcal{G}', P_{n''}\right) \leq \tilde{A}\delta^{-\alpha}$$

Then

$$Pr\left(\sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \frac{\left| \|g^* - g\|_{P_{n'}} - \|g^* - g\|_{P_{n''}} \right|}{I(g^*) + I(g)} \ge 6\delta\right) \le 2\exp\left(2\tilde{A}\delta^{-\alpha} - \frac{4\delta^2 n}{K^2}\right)$$

Proof: The proof is very similar to that in Pollard 1984 (page 32), so some details below are omitted. First note that for any function f and h, we have

$$||f||_{P_{n'}} - ||h||_{P_{n'}} \le ||f - h||_{P_{n'}} \le \sqrt{2}||f - h||_{P_{2n}}$$

Similarly for $P_{n''}$.

Let $\{h_j\}_{j=1}^N$ be the $\sqrt{2}\delta$ -cover for \mathcal{G}' (where $N=N(\sqrt{2}\delta,\mathcal{G}',P_{2n})$). Let h_j be the closest function (in terms of $\|\cdot\|_{P_{2n}}$) to some $f\in\mathcal{G}'$. Then

$$\begin{split} \|f\|_{P_{n'}} - \|f\|_{P_{n''}} & \leq \|f - h_j\|_{P_{n'}} + \left| \|h_j\|_{P_{n'}} - \|h_j\|_{P_{n''}} \right| + \|f - h_j\|_{P_{n''}} \\ & \leq 4\delta + \left| \|h_j\|_{P_{n'}} - \|h_j\|_{P_{n''}} \right| \end{split}$$

Therefore for $f = \frac{g^* - g}{I(g^*) + I(g)}$, we have

$$Pr\left(\sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \frac{\left| \|g^* - g\|_{P_n} - \|g^* - g\|_{P_{n''}} \right|}{I(g^*) + I(g)} \ge 6\delta\right) \le Pr\left(\sup_{j \in 1:N} \left| \|h_j\|_{P_{n'}} - \|h_j\|_{P_{n''}} \right| \ge 2\delta\right)$$

$$\le N \max_{j \in 1:N} Pr\left(\left| \|h_j\|_{P_{n'}} - \|h_j\|_{P_{n''}} \right| \ge 2\delta\right)$$

Now note that

$$\begin{split} \left| \|h_j\|_{P_{n'}} - \|h_j\|_{P_{n''}} \right| &= \frac{\left| \|h_j\|_{P_{n'}}^2 - \|h_j\|_{P_{n''}}^2 \right|}{\|h_j\|_{P_{n'}} + \|h_j\|_{P_{n''}}} \\ &\leq \frac{\left| \|h_j\|_{P_{n'}}^2 - \|h_j\|_{P_{n''}}^2 \right|}{\sqrt{2} \|h_j\|_{P_{2n}}} \end{split}$$

By Hoeffding's inequality,

$$\begin{split} Pr\left(\left|\|h_{j}\|_{P_{n'}} - \|h_{j}\|_{P_{n''}}\right| &\geq 2\delta\right) &\leq Pr\left(\left|\|h_{j}\|_{P_{n'}}^{2} - \|h_{j}\|_{P_{n''}}^{2}\right| \geq 2\sqrt{2}\delta\|h_{j}\|_{P_{2n}}\right) \\ &= Pr\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^{n} W_{i}\left(h_{j}^{2}(x_{i}') - h_{j}^{2}(x_{i}'')\right)\right| \geq 2\sqrt{2}n\delta\|h_{j}\|_{P_{2n}}\right) \\ &\leq 2\exp\left(-\frac{16\delta^{2}n^{2}\|h_{j}\|_{P_{2n}}^{2}}{4\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(h_{j}^{2}(x_{i}') - h_{j}^{2}(x_{i}'')\right)^{2}}\right) \end{split}$$

Since $||h_j||_{\infty} < K$, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(h_j^2(x_i') - h_j^2(x_i'') \right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} h_j^4(x_i') + h_j^4(x_i'')$$

$$\leq nK^2 ||h_j||_{P_2}^2$$

Hence

$$Pr\left(\left|\|h_{j}\|_{P_{n'}} - \|h_{j}\|_{P_{n''}}\right| \ge 2\delta\right) \le 2\exp\left(-\frac{4\delta^{2}n}{K^{2}}\right)$$

Since (Pollard and Vandegeer say that)

$$N(\sqrt{2}\delta, \mathcal{G}', P_{2n}) \leq N(\delta, \mathcal{G}', P_{n''}) + N(\delta, \mathcal{G}', P_{n''})$$

then

$$Pr\left(\sup_{g\in\mathcal{G}}\frac{\left|\|g^*-g\|_{P_n}-\|g^*-g\|_{P_{n''}}\right|}{I(g^*)+I(g)}\geq 6\delta\right)\leq 2\exp\left(2\tilde{A}\delta^{-\alpha}-\frac{4\delta^2n}{K^2}\right)$$

Using shorthand, we can write

$$\sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \frac{\left| \|g^* - g\|_{P_n} - \|g^* - g\|_{P_{n''}} \right|}{I(g^*) + I(g)} = O_p(n^{-1/(2+\alpha)})$$

Lemma 3:

Suppose the function classes \mathcal{F}_j is a cone and $I_j: \mathcal{F}_j \mapsto [0, \infty)$ is a psuedonorm. Furthermore, suppose

$$H\left(\delta, \{f_j \in \mathcal{F}_j : I_j(f_j) \le 1\}, \|\cdot\|_n\right) \le A_j \delta^{-\alpha_j}$$

Then if $f_i^* \in \mathcal{F}_j$, then

$$H\left(\delta, \left\{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{J} f_{j} - f_{j}^{*}}{\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(f_{j}) + I_{j}(f_{j}^{*})} : f_{j} \in \mathcal{F}_{j}, I_{j}(f_{j}) + I_{j}(f_{j}^{*}) > 0\right\}, \|\cdot\|_{n}\right) \leq 2\sum_{j=1}^{J} A_{j} \left(\frac{\delta}{2J}\right)^{-\alpha_{j}}$$

Proof: Let $\tilde{f}_j = \frac{f_j}{\sum_{j=1}^J I_j(f_j) + I_j(f_j^*)}$. Then $\tilde{f}_j \in \mathcal{F}_j$ and $I_j(\tilde{f}_j) \leq 1$. Let $h_{(j)}$ be the closest function to \tilde{f}_j in the δ cover of \mathcal{F}_j . Similarly, let $h_{(j)}^*$ be the closest function to \tilde{f}_j^* in the δ cover of \mathcal{F}_j . Then

$$\left\| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{J} f_{j} - f_{j}^{*}}{\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(f_{j}) + I_{j}(f_{j}^{*})} - \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} h_{(j)} - h_{(j)}^{*}\right) \right\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{J} \left\| \frac{f_{j} - f_{j}^{*}}{\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(f_{j}) + I_{j}(f_{j}^{*})} - \left(h_{(j)} - h_{(j)}^{*}\right) \right\| \\
\leq \sum_{j=1}^{J} \left\| \frac{f_{j}}{\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(f_{j}) + I_{j}(f_{j}^{*})} - h_{(j)} \right\| + \left\| \frac{f_{j}^{*}}{\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_{j}(f_{j}) + I_{j}(f_{j}^{*})} - h_{(j)}^{*} \right\| \\
\leq 2J\delta$$

Hence

$$H\left(2J\delta, \left\{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{J} f_j - f_j^*}{\sum_{j=1}^{J} I_j(f_j) + I_j(f_j^*)} : f_j \in \mathcal{F}_j, I_j(f_j) + I_j(f_j^*) > 0\right\}, \|\cdot\|_n\right) \le 2\sum_{j=1}^{J} A_j \delta^{-\alpha_j}$$

Lemma 4:

Let $p_n(\vec{x})$ be some empirical density and let p_{nj} be the corresponding empirical marginal density of x_j . Let

$$r(\vec{x}) = \frac{p_n(\vec{x})}{\prod_{i=1}^J p_{ni}(x_i)}, \ \gamma^2 = \int (r(\vec{x}) - 1)^2 \prod_{j=1}^J p_{nj}(x_j) d\mu$$

Suppose $\gamma < 1/(J-1)$. Furthermore, suppose $\int g_j p_{nj} d\mu = 0$ for j = 2, ..., J. Then

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j \right\|_{n}^{2} \ge (1 - \gamma(J - 1)) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} \|g_j\|_{n}^{2} \right)$$

Proof: The proof is very similar to Lemma 5.1 in Vandegeer 2014 "The additive model with different smoothness for the components."

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_j \right\|_{-1}^{2} = \sum_{j=1}^{J} \left\| g_j \right\|_{n}^{2} + \sum_{j \neq k} \int g_j g_k p_n(\vec{x}) d\mu$$

We bound the latter term:

$$\left| \int g_j g_k p_n(\vec{x}) d\mu \right| = \left| \int g_j g_k \left(r(\vec{x}) - 1 \right) \Pi_{j=1}^J p_{nj}(x_j) d\mu \right|$$

$$\leq \gamma \left| \int g_j^2 g_k^2 \Pi_{j=1}^J p_{nj}(x_j) d\mu \right|^{1/2}$$

$$= \gamma \|g_j\|_n \|g_k\|_n$$

Hence

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{J} g_{j} \right\|_{n}^{2} \geq \sum_{j=1}^{J} \|g_{j}\|_{n}^{2} - \gamma \sum_{j \neq k} \|g_{j}\|_{n} \|g_{k}\|_{n}$$

$$\geq (1 - \gamma(J - 1)) \sum_{j=1}^{J} \|g_{j}\|_{n}^{2} + \gamma \sum_{j < k} (\|g_{j}\|_{n} - \|g_{k}\|_{n})^{2}$$

$$\geq (1 - \gamma(J - 1)) \sum_{j=1}^{J} \|g_{j}\|_{n}^{2}$$

Vandegeer's Lemma 5.4 (Jean's version)

Let

$$\tau_R(\{f_j\}) = \|\sum f_j\|_T + \sum_{j=1}^J (\lambda_j/R)^{(1-q_j)/q_j} \lambda_j I_j(f_j)$$

Suppose

$$\sum_{j=1}^{J} \lambda_{j}^{2} I_{j}^{q_{j}}(f_{j}^{*}) \leq \delta_{0}^{2} R^{2}$$

and for all function sets $\{f_j\}$ s.t. $\tau_R(\{f_j\}) \leq R$, suppose

$$\sup_{f_i} |(\epsilon_T, f_j)| \le \delta_0^2 R^2$$

Let

$$\hat{f}_j = \arg\min \|y - \sum_{j=1}^J f_j\|_T^2 + \sum_{j=1}^J \lambda_j^2 I_j^{q_j}(f_j)$$

Then
$$\tau_R\left(\left\{\hat{f}_{\lambda,j} - f_j^*\right\}\right) \le R$$
.

Proof We use the convexity of the penalties and the least squares function. Consider $\tilde{f}_j = t\hat{f}_j + (1 - t)f_j^*$ where

$$t = \frac{R}{R + \tau_R(\{\hat{f}_j - f_j^*\})}$$

First note that by convexity,

$$\tau_R(\{\tilde{f}_j - f_j^*\}) = \frac{R}{R + \tau_R(\{\hat{f}_j - f_j^*\})} \tau_R(\{\hat{f}_j - f_j^*\}) \le R$$

Hence

$$\sup_{f_j} \left| \left(\epsilon_T, f_j^* - \tilde{f}_j \right) \right| \le \delta_0^2 R^2$$

So by the basic inequality,

$$\|\sum_{j=1}^{J} f_{j}^{*} - \sum_{j=1}^{J} \tilde{f}_{j}\|_{T}^{2} + \sum_{j=1}^{J} \lambda_{j}^{2} I_{j}^{q_{j}}(\tilde{f}_{j}) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{J} \left| \left(\epsilon_{T}, f_{j}^{*} - \tilde{f}_{j} \right) \right| + \sum_{j=1}^{J} \lambda_{j}^{2} I_{j}^{q_{j}}(f_{j}^{*})$$

and with gross algebra, we can show that

$$(\lambda_j/R)^{(1-q_j)/q_j}\lambda_j I_j(\tilde{f}_j - f_i^*) \le 4\delta_0 R$$

Then

$$\frac{R}{R + \tau_R(\{\hat{f}_j - f_j^*\})} \tau_R(\{\hat{f}_j - f_j^*\}) = \tau_R(\{\tilde{f}_j - f_j^*\})$$

$$= \|\sum_j \tilde{f}_j - f_j^*\|_T + \sum_{j=1}^J (\lambda_j / R)^{(1 - q_j) / q_j} \lambda_j I_j (\tilde{f}_j - f_j^*)$$

$$\leq O_P(1) J \delta_0 R$$

So for small enough δ_0 , we have

$$\tau_R(\{\hat{f}_j - f_j^*\}) \le R$$

Examples 4

Our goal here is to show that the assumptions hold for various examples.

Sobolev Norm 4.1

Suppose \mathcal{G} is the class of smooth functions $g:[0,1]\mapsto\mathbb{R}$ s.t. $I_{(k)}^2(g)=\int_0^1g^{(k)}(t)^2dt<\infty$.

$$\arg\min_{g \in G, f \in \mathcal{F}} \|y - g(x_1) + f(x_2)\|_T^2 + \lambda_g^2 I_{(k)}(g) + \lambda_f^2 I_{(k)}(f)$$

Note that it can be shown that g can always be expressed using natural 2k-order B-splines with knots at the training points x_{1T} . (De Boor, Thrm XIII.5) So we can express $g(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta_i(t) \gamma_i = B \gamma_i$ where B is positive definite. Similarly, $I_{(k)}^2(g) = \gamma^T \Omega \gamma$ where $\Omega_{ij} = \int_0^1 \beta_i^{(k)}(u) \beta_j^{(k)}(u) du$. **Assumption 1:** Show for some constant K,

$$\frac{\|g\|_{\infty}}{I_{(k)}(g)} \le K$$

Proof:

From De Boor (p.110), B-splines have the property that $|\beta_i(t)| \le 1$ and $\beta_i(t) \ge 0$. Hence $||g||_{\infty} \le 1$ $\max_i |\gamma_i|$. Then

$$\frac{\|g\|_{\infty}}{I_{(k)}(g)} \le \frac{\|\gamma\|_{\infty}}{\|\Omega^{1/2}\gamma\|}$$

Assuming that the smallest nonzero eigenvalue of $\Omega^{1/2}$ is at least greater than some constant c>0(in fact, the nonzero eigenvalues of $\Omega^{1/2}$ likely grow with n), then

$$\frac{\|g\|_{\infty}}{I_{(k)}(g)} \le \frac{\|\gamma\|_{\infty}}{c\|\gamma\|_2} \le \frac{1}{c}$$

Assumption 2: Show that there exist constants M, M_0 s.t. the penalty is bounded by the squared L2 norm:

$$I_{(k)}^2(g_\lambda) \le M \|g_\lambda\|^2 + M_0$$

Proof:

By Noah's reformulation of the smoothing spline problem in terms of the Reproducing Kernel Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , we have

$$Proj_{\mathcal{H}}(g_{\lambda}) = \Omega \alpha, \ I_{(k)}^{2}(g_{\lambda}) = \alpha^{T} \Omega \alpha$$

Then suppose $\|\Omega\alpha\| = O_p(n^{\tau})\|\alpha\|_2$ for some constant τ . Then for large enough n

$$\begin{split} I_{(k)}^{2}(g_{\lambda}) &= \alpha^{T} \Omega \alpha \\ &\leq \|\alpha\| \|\Omega \alpha\| \\ &= O_{p}(n^{\tau}) \|\alpha\|_{2}^{2} \\ &= O_{p}(n^{-\tau}) \|\Omega \alpha\|_{2}^{2} \\ &\leq \|\Omega \alpha\|_{2}^{2} + M_{0} \\ &\leq \|Proj_{\mathcal{H}}(g_{\lambda})\|_{2}^{2} + \|Proj_{\mathcal{H}^{\perp}}(g_{\lambda})\|_{2}^{2} + M_{0} \\ &= \|g_{\lambda}\|_{2}^{2} + M_{0} \end{split}$$

where the last step follows from the generalized Pythagorean theorem.

(That is, for sufficiently large n, we bound the penalty with the constant M_0 if $\tau < 0$ and we bound the penalty with $||g_{\lambda}||_2^2$ if $\tau > 0$)