

APPENDIX

This section includes the proofs of *Lemma 1* and *Proposition 1*.

The numbering cited in this section (e.g., (1)) corresponds to the numbered equations in the main text.

Proof of Lemma 1

Lemma 1:

Suppose μ is a positive regular Borel measure, and f, e are Simple Functions that $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \chi_{I_i^f}(x)$ and $e(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j \chi_{I_j^e}(x)$ then the distance $d(f, e)$ defined under (1) can be expressed as

$$d(f, e) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(\alpha_i, \beta_j) \cdot \mu(I_i^f \cap I_j^e).$$

Proof:

Follow (1), we have

$$d(f, e) = \int_{\mathbb{X}} \rho\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \cdot \chi_{I_i^f}(x), \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j \cdot \chi_{I_j^e}(x)\right) d\mu.$$

Under the definition of Simple Function, $\{I_i^f\}_{i=1}^n$ and $\{I_j^e\}_{j=1}^m$ are both measurable partitions of \mathbb{X} .

Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \chi_{I_i^f}(x) \equiv 1, \quad \sum_{j=1}^m \chi_{I_j^e}(x) \equiv 1.$$

Consequently,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \chi_{I_i^f}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \cdot (\chi_{I_i^f}(x) \cdot \sum_{j=1}^m \chi_{I_j^e}(x)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \cdot \chi_{I_i^f \cap I_j^e}(x).$$

Similarly,

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j \cdot \chi_{I_j^e}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_j \cdot \chi_{I_j^e \cap I_i^f}(x).$$

Hence, we obtain

$$d(f, e) = \int_{\mathbb{X}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(\alpha_i, \beta_j) \cdot \chi_{I_i^f \cap I_j^e}(x) d\mu.$$

Notably, $\{I_i^f \cap I_j^e\}$ is also a measurable partition of \mathbb{X} , and μ is a positive regular Borel measure. Thus, we can further simplify the expression as

$$\begin{aligned} d(f, e) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{I_i^f \cap I_j^e} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(\alpha_i, \beta_j) \cdot \chi_{I_i^f \cap I_j^e}(x) d\mu \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{I_i^f \cap I_j^e} \rho(\alpha_i, \beta_j) \cdot \chi_{I_i^f \cap I_j^e}(x) d\mu \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(\alpha_i, \beta_j) \cdot \mu(I_i^f \cap I_j^e). \end{aligned}$$

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Proof of Proposition 1

Proposition 1:

Under *Problem 2* and (4), (5), let the function $\rho(p_1, p_2)$ is linear depend on p_1 for a fixed p_2 , then the $d(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E})$ in (8) is equivalent to

$$d(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^{L^{(k)}} \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(p_i^{(k)}, p_j^\mathcal{E}) \cdot \mu(I_i^{(k)} \cap I_j^\mathcal{E}).$$

Proof:

If $\rho(p_1, p_2)$ is linear depend on p_1 for a fixed p_2 , under (5) and (6), we can rewrite the ρ in (8) as:

$$\rho(p_i^\mathcal{F}, p_j^\mathcal{E}) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \rho(p_{i^k}^{(k)}, p_j^\mathcal{E}),$$

where $I_i^\mathcal{F} \subseteq I_{i^k}^{(k)}$ for every k .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} d(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{L^\mathcal{F}} \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \rho(p_{i^k}^{(k)}, p_j^\mathcal{E}) \right) \cdot \mu(I_i^\mathcal{F} \cap I_j^\mathcal{E}) \\ &= \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{L^\mathcal{F}} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^K \rho(p_{i^k}^{(k)}, p_j^\mathcal{E}) \cdot \mu(I_i^\mathcal{F} \cap I_{i^k}^{(k)} \cap I_j^\mathcal{E}). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, for every $l \neq i^k$, we have $I_i^\mathcal{F} \cap I_l^{(k)} = \emptyset$, which implies:

$$\begin{aligned} d(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E}) &= \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{L^\mathcal{F}} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{l=1}^{L^{(k)}} \rho(p_l^{(k)}, p_j^\mathcal{E}) \cdot \mu(I_i^\mathcal{F} \cap I_l^{(k)} \cap I_j^\mathcal{E}) \\ &= \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{l=1}^{L^{(k)}} \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(p_l^{(k)}, p_j^\mathcal{E}) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{L^\mathcal{F}} \mu(I_i^\mathcal{F} \cap I_l^{(k)} \cap I_j^\mathcal{E}). \end{aligned}$$

As we defined in *Lemma 1*, μ is a positive regular Borel measure and $\{I_i^\mathcal{F}\}_{i=0}^{L^\mathcal{F}}$ is a measurable partition of \mathbb{X} . Hence, we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^{L^{\mathcal{F}}} \mu(I_i^{\mathcal{F}} \cap I_l^{(k)} \cap I_j^{\mathcal{E}}) = \mu\left(\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{L^{\mathcal{F}}} I_i^{\mathcal{F}}\right) \cap I_l^{(k)} \cap I_j^{\mathcal{E}}\right) = \mu(I_l^{(k)} \cap I_j^{\mathcal{E}}).$$

Using these results, we can simplify the expression for $d(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E})$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} d(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E}) &= \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{l=1}^{L^{(k)}} \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(p_l^{(k)}, p_j^{\mathcal{E}}) \cdot \mu(I_l^{(k)} \cap I_j^{\mathcal{E}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^{L^{(k)}} \sum_{j=1}^m \rho(p_i^{(k)}, p_j^{\mathcal{E}}) \cdot \mu(I_i^{(k)} \cap I_j^{\mathcal{E}}). \end{aligned}$$

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