

Theorem 0.1. *For any joint distribution P of (X, S, Y) , any $\sigma > 0$, as well as the base quantile estimator $\hat{q}_\alpha : \mathbb{R}^p \times [K] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ constructed on labeled data, the estimator \hat{g}_α defined in Eq. (8) satisfies*

$$(\hat{g}_\alpha(X, S) \mid S = s) \stackrel{d}{=} (\hat{g}_\alpha(X, S) \mid S = s') \quad \forall s, s' \in [K].$$

1 Appendix

1.1 Proof of Theorem 0.1

Before showing the exact DP guarantee, we utilize Lemma 1.1 (stated in Lemma 3) from Chzhen & Schreuder (2022).

Lemma 1.1. *Let $V_1, \dots, V_n, V_{n+1}, n \geq 1$ be exchangeable real-valued random variables and U distributed uniformly on $[0, 1]$ be independent from V_1, \dots, V_n, V_{n+1} , then the constructed location statistic*

$$\begin{aligned} T(V_1, \dots, V_n, V_{n+1}, U) &= \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}\{V_i < V_{n+1}\} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n+1} U \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}\{V_i = V_{n+1}\} \right) \end{aligned}$$

is distributed uniformly on $[0, 1]$, where \mathbb{I} is the indicator function.

The proof of Theorem 0.1 is a direct adaptation of quantile demographic parity guarantee from Liu et al. (2022), Chzhen & Schreuder (2022) for the Theorem 2 and Theorem 7.2.

Proof of Theorem 0.1. To prove the claimed DP guarantee for fixed quantile level $\alpha \in \{\alpha_{\text{lo}}, \alpha_{\text{hi}}\}$, we will show that the Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance between $\nu_{\hat{g}_\alpha|s}$ and $\nu_{\hat{g}_\alpha|s'}$ equals to zero for any $s \neq s' \in [K]$. Note that, according to the formulation of \hat{g}_α in Eq. (12), we have for any $(x, s) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times [K]$,

$$\hat{g}_\alpha(x, s) = \sum_{s'=1}^K \hat{p}_{s'} \hat{F}_{2, q_\alpha|s'}^{-1} \circ \hat{F}_{1, q_\alpha|s} \circ \tilde{q}_\alpha(x, s).$$

Denote by $\hat{Q}(t) = \sum_{s'=1}^K \hat{p}_{s'} \hat{F}_{2, q_\alpha|s'}^{-1}$. Note that we use the training set to estimate the location statistic for the new test point, $\hat{Q}(t)$ is independent from $\hat{F}_{1, q_\alpha|s} \circ \tilde{q}_\alpha(x, s)$ for each $s \in [K]$. Since the test point belongs to group $S = s$ for some fixed $s \in [K]$ and, for all $i = 1, \dots, |\mathcal{I}_1^s|$, set $V_i = \tilde{q}_{1,i}^s$ with $V_{N_s+1} \stackrel{d}{=} (\tilde{q}_\alpha(x, s))$ independent from $(V_i)_{i=1, \dots, |\mathcal{I}_1^s|}$. Since the random variables $V_1, \dots, V_{N_s}, V_{N_s+1}$ are exchangeable (more ideally, independent), Lemma 1.1 implies that for all $s \in [K]$, the location statistic $\hat{F}_{1, q_\alpha|s} \circ \tilde{q}_\alpha(x, s)$ is distributed

uniformly on $[0, 1]$. Thus for all $s, s' \in [K]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{KS}(\nu_{\hat{g}_\alpha|s}, \nu_{\hat{g}_\alpha|s'}) \\
&= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |P(\hat{g}_\alpha \leq t \mid S = s) - P(\hat{g}_\alpha \leq t \mid S = s')| \\
&= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |P(\hat{F}_{1,q_\alpha|s} \circ \tilde{q}_\alpha(x, s) \leq \hat{Q}^{-1}(t) \mid S = s) \\
&\quad - P(\hat{F}_{1,q_\alpha|s} \circ \tilde{q}_\alpha(x, s) \leq \hat{Q}^{-1}(t) \mid S = s')| \\
&= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| E[\hat{Q}^{-1}(t) \mid S = s] - E[\hat{Q}^{-1}(t) \mid S = s'] \right| = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

The first equality uses the definition of \hat{g}_α ; the second uses the fact that \hat{Q} is monotone; finally since the independence of \hat{Q} is independent from $\hat{F}_{1,q_\alpha|s} \circ \tilde{q}_\alpha(x, s)$ conditionally on $S = s$ for any $s \in [K]$, also \hat{Q} remains independent from S . The exact DP is concluded.

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