# OPTIMAL ADAPTIVE ESTIMATION OF THE RELATIVE DENSITY: SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

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ABSTRACT. This supplementary material provides additional details for the paper "Optimal adaptive estimation of the relative density". We first recall a precise definition of Besov spaces, which are used to compute the rates of convergence of the estimator. Then, we present further simulation results (reconstruction and risk computations), as well as details about the calibration of the penalty constant. Finally, complete proofs which are only sketched in the main article are available.

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# 1. Definition of Besov spaces

For A a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , let us recall the definition of  $B_{p,\infty}^{\alpha}(A)$ . Let  $A_h^k = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x, x + h, \dots, x + kh \in A\}$ . Next, for x in  $A_h^k$ , let

$$\Delta_h^k r(x) = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k}{i} r(x+ih)$$

the kth difference operator with step h. For t > 0, the moduli of smoothness of function r is given by

$$\omega_k(r,t) = \sup_{|h| \le t} \left( \int_{A_h^k} |\Delta_h^k r(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

We say that r is in the Besov space  $B_{p,\infty}^{\alpha}(A)$  if  $\sup_{t>0} t^{-\alpha}\omega_k(r,t) < \infty$  for k the smaller integer larger than  $\alpha$ . The Besov norm  $\|.\|_{\alpha,p}$  is defined by:

$$||r||_{\alpha,p} = ||r||_p + \sup_{t>0} t^{-\alpha} \omega_k(r,t).$$

It can be proved that  $\mathcal{B}_{p,\infty}^{\alpha}((0;1)) \subset \mathcal{B}_{2,\infty}^{\alpha}((0;1))$  for  $p \geq 2$ . This justifies that we restrict to  $\mathcal{B}_{2,\infty}^{\alpha}((0;1))$ .

# 2. Additional simulation results

This section is devoted to giving additional simulation results.

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2.1. Additional reconstructions and risk computations. In this section, we present simulation results for examples of data which complete the three models given in Section 4 of the main article. First, Table 1 gives the details of the MISE which are partly plotted in Figure 2 of the main article, for samples simulated from Example (2) described in Section 4.2. Then, we investigate other examples. The two samples  $(X_{0,i_0})_{i_0=1,...,n_0}$  and  $(X_i)_{i=1,...,n}$  comes from random variables  $X_0$  and X respectively, with probability distributions described below.

- (3) The variable  $X_0$  is from the Weibull distribution with parameters (2,3). We denote by W the corresponding c.d.f.. The variable X is built such that  $X = W^{-1}(S)$ , with S chosen from one of the three following distribution:
  - (a3) a beta distribution  $\mathcal{B}(14, 17)$ ,
  - (b3) a mixture of  $V_1$  with probability 4/5 and  $V_2$  with probability 1/5, where  $V_1$  is from  $\mathcal{B}(14, 37)$  and  $V_2$  is from  $\mathcal{B}(14, 20)$ ,
  - (c3) a mixture of  $V_1$  with probability 1/3 and  $V_2$  with probability 2/3, where  $V_1$  is from  $\mathcal{B}(34, 15)$  and  $V_2$  is from  $\mathcal{B}(15, 30)$ .

In these three cases, the relative density r to recover is the density of the variable S. Example (b3) is the one considered to evaluate the influence of n and  $n_0$  in Section 4.3 (main article).

- (4) The variable  $X_0$  is chosen to have a uniform distribution in the set (0; 1). The variable X fits one of the following models:
  - (a4)  $(1/4)(U_1 + U_2 + U_3 + U_4)$  where  $U_j$ , j = 1, ..., 4 are independent and uniform on (0; 1),
  - (b4) a mixture of  $V_1$  with probability 1/2 and  $V_2$  with probability 1/2, where  $V_1 = V/2$ and  $V_2 = (V + 1)/2$ , and V as for model (a),
  - (c4) a beta distribution with parameters 4 and 5 (denoted by  $\mathcal{B}(4,5)$ ),
  - (d4) a mixture of  $X_j$ , j = 1, 2, 3 with probability 1/3, where the  $X_j$  have respective distributions  $\mathcal{B}(10, 5)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(7, 7)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(5, 10)$ ,
  - (e4) a mixture of  $X_1$  with probability 1/2 and  $X_2$  with probability 1/2, where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  have respective distributions  $\mathcal{B}(15,4)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(5,11)$ .

Hence the investigated relative densities are defined as the densities of X, in these five examples.

The third set of examples is borrowed from Molanes-López and Cao (2008) and the fourth from Ćwik and Mielniczuk (1993). The true relative densities associated to each framework of these two sets are plotted in Figure 1: they are quite far from the uniform distribution, since the distributions of X and  $X_0$  are not similar.

Figure 2 illustrates the stability of the method and shows beams of estimates  $\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}$ : 10 estimators built from *i.i.d.* samples of data are plotted together with the true functions. The MISE, displayed in Table 2, are of the same order as the ones of Ćwik and Mielniczuk (1993) and of Molanes-López and Cao (2008), as announced in Section 4 of the main article. However, the fully data-driven model selection method we implement is also shown to be optimal in theory, from the non-asymptotic point of view.

2.2. Details about penalty calibration. The choice of the value 1 for the constant  $c_0$  involved in the penalty term  $\tilde{V}(m) = c_0(D_m/n + 4 \|\hat{r}_{m^*}\|^2 D_m/n_0)$  (see (9), Section 3 of the main article) has not been commented in detail until now. Since it plays an important role for the quality of the adaptive estimation, we propose to briefly shed light on its choice.

As explained in the main article, the numerical value obtained in the proof is rough and useless in practice. We thus experiment the tuning by simulation. More precisely, we choose different models for the data, already used in the paper, and experiment several values for  $c_0$ .

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FIGURE 1. Plot of the different investigated relative densities of Examples (3) and (4)

The MISE is plotted with respect to possible values for  $c_0$ , from 0.001 to 4. The results are given in Figure 3 for two sets of examples, Example (2) (a2) described in Section 4.2 of the main article and Example (4) described above (Section 2.1). Considering the graphs, the constant  $c_0$ should not be chosen too small, neither too large. Actually, the adaptive index  $\tilde{m}$  is selected as the one which realizes the best trade-off between the estimator of the bias term  $\tilde{A}(m)$  and the variance term  $\tilde{V}(m)$ . Then, heuristically, if  $c_0$  is too large the compromise is made in favour of  $\tilde{V}(m)$ . As this term increases with m, we select too small models (over-penalization). On the contrary, if  $c_0$  is too small, large models are selected. We decide to choose the value 1 which leads to reasonable risks. Another value in the range [0.5; 1.5] just improves the results for some examples and deteriorates them for some others.

### 3. Additional proofs

Complete proofs for technical results of the main article are provided in this section. The notations are the same as the one introduced in Section 5.1.1 of the main article. We also use the results established in Section 5.1.2, and more generally, we often refer to the proofs of Section 5.

3.1. Proof of Lemma 12. The aim is to bound  $\mathbb{E}[\max_{m' \in \mathcal{M}}(T_2^{p_{m'}} - V_2(p_{m'}))_+]$ , where  $T_2^{p_{m'}}$  is defined by

$$T_2^m = \left\| \mathbb{E} \left[ \hat{r}_m(., \hat{F}_0) - \hat{r}_m(., F_0) \, | (X_0) \right] \right\|^2$$

The proof is based on the proof of Lemma 9, Section 5.2.2 of the main article. Let us abbreviate  $p_{m'}$  by p. We proceed as in this proof and obtain  $T_2^p \leq 6T_{2,1,1}^p + 6T_{2,1,2}^p + 3T_{2,2}^p + 3T_{2,3}^p$ . Thus,

(1) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{m'\in\mathcal{M}} \left(T_2^p - V_2(p)\right)_+\right] \leq \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{m'\in\mathcal{M}} \left(6T_{2,1,1}^p - V_2(p)/3\right)_+\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{m'\in\mathcal{M}} 6T_{2,1,2}^p\right] \\ + \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{m'\in\mathcal{M}} \left(3T_{2,2}^p - V_2(p)/3\right)_+\right] \\ + \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{m'\in\mathcal{M}} \left(3T_{2,3}^p - V_2(p)/3\right)_+\right].$$



FIGURE 2. Beams of 10 estimators built from *i.i.d.* samples of size  $n = n_0 = 500$  (thin lines) versus true function (thick line) in Examples (3) and (4).

$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400				
50	0.220	0.168	0.162	0.196				
100	0.088	0.123	0.137	0.085				
200	0.141	0.103	0.083	0.089				
400	0.105	0.092	0.057	0.039				
c = 1.01								

$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400			
50	0.288	0.296	0.308	0.275			
100	0.236	0.236	0.222	0.215			
200	0.211	0.199	0.199	0.162			
400	0.227	0.191	0.152	0.150			
c = 1.1							

Example (a2)

$n \setminus n_0$	50	100	200	400				
50	0.221	0.212	0.166	0.220				
100	0.132	0.137	0.126	0.132				
200	0.139	0.134	0.113	0.089				
400	0.137	0.146	0.071	0.066				
c = 1.05								

$n \setminus n_0$	50	100	200	400			
50	2.200	1.842	1.496	1.357			
100	1.990	1.383	1.126	0.878			
200	1.778	1.149	0.918	0.769			
400	1.717	1.081	0.786	0.720			
c = 1.5							

Example (b2)

$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400		$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400
50	0.245	0.190	0.156	0.184	-	50	0.270	0.208	0.228	0.221
100	0.129	0.128	0.100	0.099		100	0.212	0.174	0.150	0.122
200	0.165	0.101	0.080	0.067		200	0.214	0.138	0.109	0.101
400	0.115	0.096	0.066	0.044		400	0.134	0.102	0.090	0.071
a = 2.01				-		(	a = 2.05	5		
$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400		$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400
50	0.335	0.311	0.284	0.284	-	50	3.253	3.262	3.169	3.170
100	0.295	0.227	0.238	0.203		100	3.320	3.162	3.035	2.984
200	0.264	0.259	0.193	0.186		200	3.249	3.029	2.946	2.848
400	0.260	0.196	0.163	0.157		400	3.236	3.031	2.866	2.728
a = 2.1			-			a = 2.5				

TABLE 1. Values of MISE ×10 averaged over 500 samples for the estimator  $\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}$ , in Examples (2) (a2) and (b2).

We do not subtract V(p) to one of the term, since we immediately derive from Section 5.2.2

(2) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{m'\in\mathcal{M}} 6T_{2,1,2}^p\right] \le \mathbb{E}\left[6T_{2,1,2}^{m_{\max}}\right] \le 6C_2 \|r'\|^2 / n_0.$$

For the term depending on  $T^p_{2,1,1}$ , note that  $T^p_{2,1,1} = \sum_{j=1}^{D_p} (\nu^b_{n_0}(\varphi_j))^2$ , with

$$\nu_{n_0}^b(t) = \frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{i_0=1}^{n_0} \psi_t(X_{0,i_0}) - \mathbb{E}\left[\psi_t(X_{0,i})\right], \text{ with } \psi_t(x) = r(F_0(x))t(F_0(x)).$$

$n \setminus n_0$	50	100	200	400		$n \setminus n_0$	50	100	200	400
50	10.27	6.117	3.743	2.468	•	50	12.05	7.977	5.631	3.745
100	9.958	5.394	3.496	2.208		100	11.68	7.596	4.789	3.297
200	9.100	5.651	3.204	1.883		200	12.57	7.557	4.831	2.731
400	9.439	5.303	3.190	1.849		400	11.26	7.445	4.429	2.729
	Ex	ample (	(a3)			Example (b3)				
$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400		$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400
50	9.041	6.026	3.904	2.855	-	50	2.712	1.870	1.362	1.110
100	8.179	5.396	3.319	1.929		100	2.561	1.765	1.126	0.863
200	8.113	5.055	2.915	1.659		200	2.576	1.647	1.114	0.729
400	7.886	4.855	2.726	1.589		400	2.567	1.630	0.989	0.636
	Ex	ample (	(c3)			Example (a4)				
$n \setminus n_0$	50	100	200	400		$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400
50	5.833	3.513	2.288	1.741	•	50	2.172	1.383	0.952	0.799
100	5.377	3.203	2.008	1.446		100	1.966	1.270	0.798	0.544
200	5.392	3.217	1.925	1.286		200	2.064	1.135	0.696	0.481
400	4.609	3.086	1.927	1.195		400	1.928	1.147	0.681	0.424
	Ex	ample (	b4)				Ex	ample (	(c4)	
$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400		$n \backslash n_0$	50	100	200	400
50	2.153	1.305	0.926	0.747	-	50	4.364	2.838	2.043	1.590
100	1.768	1.064	0.714	0.549		100	3.731	2.159	1.372	0.969
200	1.510	0.929	0.597	0.441		200	3.511	1.810	1.109	0.816
400	1.585	0.911	0.549	0.377	_	400	3.272	1.649	0.982	0.675
	Ex	ample (	(d4)			Example (e4)				

TABLE 2. Values of MISE ×10 averaged over 500 samples for the estimator  $\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}$ , in Examples (3) and (4).

We proceed as in (18) (see the main article) to write  $T_{2,1,1}^p = \sup_{t \in \mathcal{S}(p)} (\nu_{n_0}^b(t))^2$ . We anew apply the Talagrand Inequality (Proposition 7, Section 5.1.3). We easily compute  $M_1 = ||r||_{\infty} \sqrt{D_p}$ , and  $v = ||r||_{\infty}^2$ . For  $H^2$ , the same computations as in Lemma 9, Section 5.2.2, give

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sup_{t\in\mathcal{S}(p)}\left(\nu_{n_0}^b(t)\right)^2\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[T_{2,1,1}^p\right] \le \|r\|^2 \frac{D_p}{n_0} := H^2.$$

The result is the following, with  $V_{2,1,1}(p) = 6 \times 2(1+2\delta) ||r||^2 D_p/n_0, \ \delta > 0$ ,

(3) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{m'\in\mathcal{M}}\left(6T_{2,1,1}^p - V_{2,1,1}(p)\right)_+\right] \le \frac{C}{n_0}.$$



FIGURE 3. Values of the MISE (averaged over 500 samples) for  $n = n_0 = 500$  with respect to the constant  $c_0$ .

For the term in which  $T_{2,2}^p$  is involved, we begin with

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{m'\in\mathcal{M}}\left(3T_{2,2}^p-\frac{V_2(p)}{3}\right)_+\right] \le \sum_{m'\in\mathcal{M}}\mathbb{E}\left[\left(3T_{2,2}^p-\frac{V_2(p)}{3}\right)_+\right],$$

and compute the right-hand side, for a fixed index p. We prove in Section 5.2.2 that  $T_{2,2}^p \leq (\pi^4/4) \|r\|^2 D_p^4 \|\widehat{U}_0 - id\|_{\infty}^4$ . Corollary 3 (Section 5.1.2) with p = 4 gives, for all  $\kappa > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\left\|\widehat{U}_0 - id\right\|_{\infty}^4 - \kappa \frac{\ln^2(n_0)}{n_0^2}\right)_+\right] \le C n_0^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\kappa^{1/2}}.$$

Therefore, denoting by  $V_{2,2}(p) = (3\pi^4/4) ||r||^2 \kappa \frac{D_p^4 \ln^2(n_0)}{n_0^2},$ 

(4) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{m'\in\mathcal{M}}\left(3T_{2,2}^p - V_{2,2}(p)\right)_+\right] \le C\sum_{m'\in\mathcal{M}}D_p^4 n_0^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\kappa^{1/2}}$$

But we roughly bound  $\sum_{m'\in\mathcal{M}} D_p^4 \leq D_{m_{\max}}^5 \leq n_0^5$ . The right-hand side of (4) is thus bounded by  $Cn_0^{5-\sqrt{\kappa/2}}$ , with *c* a constant, and this last bound is smaller than  $C/n_0$  if  $\kappa$  is large enough. Since we assume  $D_p \leq n_0^{1/3}/\ln^{2/3}(n)$ , we have  $V_{2,2}(p) \leq V_{2,2}^{bis}(p) = (3\pi^4/4) ||r||^2 \kappa D_p/n_0$ , and (4) is still true with  $V_{2,2}$  replaced by  $V_{2,2}^{bis}$ .

We proceed similarly for the term which depends on  $T_{2,3}^p$ . We see in Section 5.2.2 that  $T_{2,3}^p \leq (32\pi^6/9) ||r||^2 D_p^7 ||\widehat{U}_0 - id||_{\infty}^6$ , and thanks to Corollary 3 with p = 6

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\left\|\widehat{U}_{0}-id\right\|_{\infty}^{6}-\kappa\frac{\ln^{3}(n_{0})}{n_{0}^{3}}\right)_{+}\right] \leq Cn_{0}^{-\frac{1}{2^{1/3}}\kappa^{2/3}}.$$

Thus, for  $V_{2,3}(p) = (32\pi^6/9) ||r||^2 \kappa D_p^7 \ln^3(n_0)/n_0^3$ ,

(5) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{m'\in\mathcal{M}}\left(3T_{2,3}^p - V_{2,3}(p)\right)_+\right] \le C\sum_{m'\in\mathcal{M}}D_p^4 n_0^{-\frac{1}{2^{1/3}}\kappa^{2/3}}.$$

If  $\kappa$  is large enough, the right-hand side of (5) is bounded by  $C/n_0$ , and  $V_{2,3}$  can be replaced by an upper-bound, if  $D_p \leq n_0^{1/3} / \ln^{1/2}(n)$ :  $V_{2,3}(p) \leq V_{2,3}^{bis}(p) = (32\pi^6/9) ||r||^2 \kappa D_p/n_0$ .

We gather (2), (3), (4), and (5) in Inequality (1), and choose  $V_2(p)$  with form  $c_2 ||r||^2 D_p/n_0$  for  $c_2$  large enough.

3.2. Proof of Theorem 3. The aim is to prove an oracle-type inequality for the fully datadriven estimator  $\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_0)$ . We introduce the set

$$\Lambda = \left\{ \left| \frac{\|\hat{r}_{m^*}(.,\hat{F}_0)\|}{\|r\|} - 1 \right| < \frac{1}{2} \right\},\$$

and split

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_{0})-r\|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_{0})-r\|^{2}\mathbf{1}_{\Lambda}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_{0})-r\|^{2}\mathbf{1}_{\Lambda^{c}}\right].$$

We show in the sequel that the first term gives the order of the upper-bound of Theorem 3, and that the probability of the set  $\Lambda^c$  is negligible compared to  $1/n + 1/n_0$ .

• Upper-bound for  $\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{r}_{\hat{m}}(.,\hat{F}_0) - r\|^2 \mathbf{1}_{\Lambda}]$ . Arguing as in Section 5.3 (main article), we first obtain, for  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ 

$$\left| \hat{r}_{\tilde{m}} \left( ., \hat{F}_{0} \right) - r \right\|^{2} \leq 6 \left( \widetilde{A}(m) + \widetilde{V}(m) \right) + 3 \left\| \hat{r}_{m} \left( ., \hat{F}_{0} \right) - r \right\|^{2}.$$

Moreover,  $\widetilde{A}(m) \leq A(m) + \max_{m' \in \mathcal{M}} (V(m') - \widetilde{V}(m'))_+$ . Thus

$$\left\| \hat{r}_{\tilde{m}} \left( ., \hat{F}_{0} \right) - r \right\|^{2} \leq 6 \left( A(m) + V(m) \right) + 3 \left\| \hat{r}_{m} \left( ., \hat{F}_{0} \right) - r \right\|^{2} + \max_{m' \in \mathcal{M}} \left( V(m') - \widetilde{V}(m') \right)_{+} + 6 \left( \widetilde{V}(m) - V(m) \right) \right\}$$

For every  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$\widetilde{V}(m) - V(m) = c_0 \frac{D_m}{n_0} \left( 4 \| \widehat{r}_{m^*}(., \widehat{F}_0) \|^2 - \| r \|^2 \right).$$

On the set  $\Lambda$ , since  $||r|| < 2||\hat{r}_{m*}(.,\hat{F}_0)||$ , we thus have  $(V(m') - \tilde{V}(m'))_+ = 0$ . On this set, we also have :  $||\hat{r}_{m*}(.,\hat{F}_0)|| \le (3/2)||r||$ ,

$$\left(\widetilde{V}(m) - V(m)\right) \le c_0 \frac{D_m}{n_0} \left(4 \times \frac{9}{4} \|r\|^2 - \|r\|^2\right) = 8c_0 \|r\|^2 \frac{D_m}{n_0}.$$

Using also Lemma 10 enables to conclude

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_{0})-r\right\|^{2}\mathbf{1}_{\Lambda}\right] \leq \min_{m\in\mathcal{M}}\left\{\frac{D_{m}}{n}+\|r\|^{2}\frac{D_{m}}{n_{0}}+15\|r_{m}-r\|^{2}\right\}+\frac{C}{n}+\frac{C}{n_{0}}.$$

• Upper-bound for  $\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_0) - r\|^2 \mathbf{1}_{\Lambda^c}]$ . First,  $\|\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_0) - r\|^2 \leq 2\|\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_0)\|^2 + 2\|r\|^2$ , and

$$\left\| \hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_{0}) \right\|^{2} = \sum_{j=1}^{D_{\tilde{m}}} \left( \hat{a}_{j}^{\hat{F}_{0}} \right)^{2} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{D_{\tilde{m}}} \left\| \varphi_{j}^{2} \right\|_{\infty} \leq D_{\tilde{m}} \leq \min(n,n_{0}).$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|\tilde{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_{0})-r\|^{2}\mathbf{1}_{\Lambda^{c}}\right] \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\Lambda^{c}\right) 2\left(\min(n,n_{0})+2\|r\|^{2}\right)$$

It remains to bound  $\mathbb{P}(\Lambda^c)$ . We split

$$\mathbb{P}(\Lambda^{c}) \leq \mathbf{1}_{\left\{\|r-r_{m^{*}}\| \geq \frac{\|r\|}{4}\right\}} + \mathbb{P}\left(\|r_{m^{*}} - \hat{r}_{m^{*}}(., \hat{F}_{0})\| \geq \frac{\|r\|}{4}\right).$$

Recall that r belongs to the Besov ball  $B_{2,\infty}^{\alpha}((0;1),L)$ , and that  $D_{m*} \geq \ln(n_0)$ . Hence,  $||r - r_{m^*}|| \leq CD_{m^*}^{-\alpha} \leq C(\ln(n_0))^{-\alpha}$ . This quantity goes to 0 when  $n_0$  goes to  $+\infty$ . Therefore,  $C(\ln(n_0))^{-\alpha} \leq ||r||/4$  for  $n_0$  large enough. Consequently,

(6) 
$$\mathbf{1}_{\left\{\|r-r_{m^*}\| \ge \frac{\|r\|}{4}\right\}} = 0.$$

Thanks to (20) (Section 5.3.1, main article), we also have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\|r_{m^*} - \hat{r}_{m^*}(., \hat{F}_0)\|^2 \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{16}\right) \le \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{t \in \mathcal{S}(m^*)} (\nu_n(t))^2 \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{3 \times 16}\right) \\
+ \mathbb{P}\left(4T_1^{m^*} \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{3 \times 16}\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(4T_2^{m^*} \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{3 \times 16}\right),$$

with  $\nu_n$  defined by (19)(Section 5.3.1) and  $T_1^{m^*}$ ,  $T_2^{m^*}$  by (13) (Section 5.2). We use (14) of Section 5.2.2, and the mean-value theorem to obtain,  $T_2^{m^*} \leq 8\pi^2 D_{m^*}^3 \|\widehat{U}_0 - id\|_{\infty}^2$ . Thus

$$\mathbb{P}\left(4T_2^{m^*} \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{3 \times 16}\right) \le \mathbb{P}\left(\left\|\widehat{U}_0 - id\right\|_{\infty}^2 \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{192D_{m^*}^3 \times 8\pi^2}\right) \\ \le C \exp\left(-n_0 \frac{\|r\|^2}{768\pi^2 D_{m^*}^3}\right).$$

by applying Proposition 5 (main article, Section 5.1.2). Since  $D_{m^*}^3 \leq n_0/\ln^2(n_0)$ , we have

(7) 
$$\mathbb{P}\left(4T_2^{m^*} \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{3 \times 16}\right) \le C \exp\left(-\frac{\|r\|^2}{768\pi^2} (\ln(n_0))^2\right)$$

The same arguments permit to bound the term in which  $T_1^{m^*}$  is involved. We first note that  $T_1^{m^*} \leq 32\pi^2 D_{m^*}^3 \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\hat{F}_0(x) - F_0(x)|^2$  and conclude with Proposition 5:

(8) 
$$\mathbb{P}\left(4T_1^{m^*} \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{48}\right) \le C \exp\left(-\frac{\|r\|^2}{4 \times 768\pi^2} \left(\ln(n_0)\right)^2\right).$$

We go back to the term involving the empirical process:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{t\in\mathcal{S}(m^*)} \left(\nu_n(t)\right)^2 \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{48}\right) \le \sum_{j=1}^{D_{m^*}} \mathbb{P}\left(\nu_n^2(\varphi_j) \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{48D_{m^*}}\right).$$

Writing  $\nu_n(\varphi_j) = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^j - \mathbb{E}[Z_i^j]$  with  $Z_i^j = \varphi_j(F_0(X_i))$  (see (19) of the main article) allows to apply the Bernstein Inequality (see for instance Proposition 2.9 and its comments in Massart (2007)). We compute  $b = \sqrt{D_{m^*}}$ , and  $v = n ||r||_{\infty}$ . This leads, for u > 0

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\nu_n^2\left(\varphi_j\right) \ge \sqrt{2\|r\|_{\infty}u} + u\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{D_{m^*}}\right) \le e^{-nu}.$$

Choosing  $u = a/D_{m^*}^4$ , for a constant a and using  $D_{m^*} \ge \ln(n_0)$ , we can obtain  $\sqrt{2\|r\|_{\infty}u} + u\sqrt{D_{m^*}}/3 \le \|r\|^2/48D_{m^*}$ , for  $n_0$  large enough, and

(9) 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{D_{m^*}} \mathbb{P}\left(\nu_n^2\left(\varphi_j\right) \ge \frac{\|r\|^2}{48D_{m^*}}\right) \le D_{m^*} \exp\left(-n\frac{a}{D_{m^*}^4}\right).$$

Putting together (6), (8), (7) and (9), we have proved

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_{0})-r\|^{2}\mathbf{1}_{\Lambda^{c}}\right] \leq 2\left(\min(n,n_{0})+2\|r\|^{2}\right)\left\{C\exp\left(-C\left(\ln(n_{0})\right)^{2}\right)+D_{m^{*}}\exp\left(-\frac{na}{D_{m^{*}}^{4}}\right)\right\}$$

Recall that  $D_{m^*} \leq C(n/\ln(n))^{1/4}$ . The last term of this upper-bound is thus negligible compared to 1/n (if a is large enough). The other term has the order  $n_0 \exp(-C(\ln(n_0))^2)$ , and are thus smaller than  $C/n_0$ . Finally,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{r}_{\tilde{m}}(.,\hat{F}_0) - r\|^2 \mathbf{1}_{\Lambda^c}\right] \leq \frac{C}{n_0} + \frac{C}{n}.$$

3.3. **Proof of Theorem 4.** The aim is to prove the following lower bound for the minimax risk over Besov balls

(10) 
$$\inf_{\hat{r}_{n,n_0}} \sup_{r \in \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}} \mathbb{E}\left[ \|\hat{r}_{n,n_0} - r\|^2 \right] \ge c \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n_0} \right)^{2\alpha/(2\alpha+1)}$$

Denote by  $\phi_{n,n_0} = (\min(n,n_0))^{-2\alpha/(2\alpha+1)}$ . Since there exists a constant c' > 0 (depending on  $\alpha$ ) such that  $(n^{-1} + n_0^{-1})^{2\alpha/(2\alpha+1)} \leq c'\phi_{n,n_0}$ , it is sufficient to prove Inequality (10) with the lower bound  $\phi_{n,n_0}$ . We separate two cases:  $n \leq n_0$  and  $n > n_0$ . The result comes down to the proof of the two following inequalities:

(11) 
$$\inf_{\hat{r}_{n,n_0}\in\mathcal{E}_n}\sup_{r\in\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}}\mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{r}_{n,n_0}-r\|^2\right] \geq c\phi_{n,n_0}=cn^{-2\alpha/(2\alpha+1)},$$

(12) 
$$\inf_{\hat{r}_{n,n_0}\in\mathcal{E}_{n_0}}\sup_{r\in\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}}\mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{r}_{n,n_0}-r\|^2\right] \geq c\phi_{n,n_0}=cn_0^{-2\alpha/(2\alpha+1)}$$

where  $\mathcal{E}_n$  is the set of all possible estimators built with  $(X_i)_{i \in \{1,...,n\}}$  and  $(X_{0,i_0})_{i_0 \in \{1,...,n_0\}}$  when  $n \leq n_0$ , and  $\mathcal{E}_{n_0}$  the analogous set when  $n > n_0$ .

The proof of each of the Inequalities (11) and (12) is based on the general reduction scheme which can be found in Section 2.6 of Tsybakov (2009): the main idea is to reduce the class of functions  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}$  to a finite well-chosen subset  $\{r_a, r_1, \ldots, r_M\}, M \geq 2$  such that

- (i)  $r_l \in \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}$ , for every  $l \in \{a, 1, \dots, M\}$ .
- (ii)  $||r_l r_{l'}||^2 \ge 2B_0\phi_{n,n_0}$ , for every  $l, l' \in \{a, 1, \dots, M\}, l \neq l'$ , for a constant  $B_0 > 0$ .
- (iii) For every  $l \in \{1, \ldots, M\}$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_l^{(n,n_0)}$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mathbb{P}_a^{(n,n_0)}$  and there exists a constant  $\kappa \in (0; 1/8)$ , such that

$$\frac{1}{M}\sum_{l=1}^{M} K\left(P_l^{(n,n_0)}, P_a^{(n,n_0)}\right) \le \kappa \log(M),$$

with K(.,.) the Kullback-Leibler divergence,  $\mathbb{P}_{l}^{(n,n_{0})}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{P}_{a}^{(n,n_{0})}$ ) the probability distribution of a double sample  $(X_{i})_{i \in \{1,...,n\}}$  and  $(X_{0,i_{0}})_{i_{0} \in \{1,...,n_{0}\}}$  with relative density  $r_{l}$  (resp.  $r_{a}$ ).

If we construct a set of functions which satisfies (i), (ii), and (iii) in each of the cases  $n \le n_0$  and  $n > n_0$ , Inequalities (11) and (12), and thus Theorem 4, are a consequence from Theorem 2.5 of Tsybakov (2009).

3.3.1. Construction of the subset  $\{r_a, r_1, \ldots, r_M\}$ . It is in the spirit of Härdle et al. (1998) (Section 10.4, Chapter 10). First let  $r_a = \mathbf{1}_{(0;1)}$ . Let also  $\psi$  be a regular wavelet with compact support, and  $\psi_{j,k} : x \mapsto 2^{j/2}\psi(2^jx - k)$ , for  $(j,k) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ . We define  $R_j$  the maximal subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that supp  $\psi_{j,k} \subset [0;1]$ ,  $k \in R_j$  and that supp  $\psi_{j,k} \cap \text{supp } \psi_{j,k'} = \emptyset$  if  $k \neq k'$ . The cardinal of  $R_j$  is  $|R_j| = c2^j$ , for j an integer and c a constant, both to be chosen below. For all  $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_k)_{k \in R_j} \in \{0;1\}^{|R_j|}$ , consider

$$r_{\varepsilon} = r_a + \chi_{\varepsilon}, \quad \text{with} \quad \chi_{\varepsilon} = \gamma_{n,n_0} \sum_{k \in R_j} \varepsilon_k \psi_{j,k},$$

for  $\gamma_{n,n_0}$  a nonnegative number (decreasing when  $\min(n, n_0)$  goes to  $\infty$ ) defined below.

Now, from the Varshamov-Gilbert bound (see Lemma 2.9 of Tsybakov 2009), there exist a finite subset  $\{\varepsilon^{(0)}, \ldots, \varepsilon^{(M)}\}$  of  $\{0; 1\}^{|R_j|}$ , such that  $\varepsilon^{(0)} = (0, \ldots, 0)$ , and

(13) 
$$\rho(\varepsilon^{(l)}, \varepsilon^{(l')}) := \sum_{k \in R_j} \mathbf{1}_{\varepsilon_k^{(l)} \neq \varepsilon_k^{(l')}} \ge \frac{|R_j|}{8} = \frac{c2^j}{8}, \text{ and } M \ge 2^{|R_j|/8} = c2^{2^j/8}$$

We set  $r_l = r_{\varepsilon^{(l)}}$ ,  $l \in \{1, \ldots, M\}$  and remark that  $r_a = r_{\varepsilon^{(0)}}$ . In the sequel, we establish the conditions to adjust j and  $\gamma_{n,n_0}$  such that (i), (ii), and (iii) are verified for the set  $\{r_a, r_l, l \in \{1, 2, \ldots, M\}\}$ . The computations are mainly the same to prove Inequalities (11) and (12), except to check (iii). Thus, we distinguish the two cases only at the end, to conclude.

3.3.2. Conditions which guarantees (i). The function  $r_a$  is a relative density with support (0; 1) (density supported by (0; 1)), and  $||r_a||_{\alpha,2} = ||r_a|| = 1 < L$ . Moreover, to have  $r_{\varepsilon}(x) \ge 0$  for  $x \in (0; 1)$ , we must suppose  $||\chi_{\varepsilon}||_{\infty} \le 1$ , that is

(14) 
$$\gamma_{n,n_0} 2^{j/2} \le \frac{1}{\|\psi\|_{\infty}}.$$

Since  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x) dx = 0$ , we have  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_{\varepsilon}(x) dx = 0$ , and thus,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} r_{\varepsilon}(x) dx = 1$ . Therefore, if (14) holds,  $r_{\varepsilon}$  is also a relative density, for all  $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}^{|R_j|}$ . According to Hochmuth (2002) (Theorem 3.5),  $\|\sum_{k \in R_j} \varepsilon_k \psi_{j,k}\|_{\alpha,2} \leq 2^{j\alpha} \|\sum_{k \in R_j} \varepsilon_k \psi_{j,k}\|$ , if  $\psi$  smooth enough. Since  $\|\sum_{k \in R_j} \varepsilon_k \psi_{j,k}\| \leq |R_j| = 2^j$ , we deduce

 $\|r_{\varepsilon}\|_{\alpha,2} \le \|r_a\|_{\alpha,2} + \|\chi_{\varepsilon}\|_{\alpha,2} \le 1 + \gamma_{n,n_0} 2^{j\alpha} 2^{j/2} \le L,$ 

as soon as the following condition is satisfied:

(15) 
$$\gamma_{n,n_0} 2^{j\alpha} 2^{j/2} \le L - 1.$$

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3.3.3. Conditions which guarantees (ii). Let  $l, l' \in \{0, 1, \ldots, M\}$ . We compute

$$\|r_{l} - r_{l'}\|^{2} = \gamma_{n,n_{0}}^{2} \left\| \sum_{k \in R_{j}} \left( \varepsilon_{k}^{(l)} - \varepsilon_{k}^{(l')} \right) \psi_{j,k} \right\|^{2} = \gamma_{n,n_{0}}^{2} \sum_{k \in R_{j}} \left( \varepsilon_{k}^{(l)} - \varepsilon_{k}^{(l')} \right)^{2} \|\psi\|^{2}.$$

Thanks to (13),  $||r_l - r_{l'}||^2 = \gamma_{n,n_0}^2 \rho(\varepsilon^{(l)}, \varepsilon^{(l')}) ||\psi||^2 \ge 2^j \gamma_{n,n_0}^2 ||\psi||^2 / 8$ . The condition (ii) is thus fulfilled as soon as

(16) 
$$\gamma_{n,n_0}^2 2^j \ge \frac{16B_0}{\|\psi\|^2} \phi_{n,n_0}.$$

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3.3.4. Conditions which guarantees (iii) and conclusion. For  $l \in \{a, 1, ..., M\}$ , denote by  $(X_0^l, X^l)$ a couple of independent random variables with relative density  $r_l$ , probability distribution  $\mathbb{P}_l = \mathbb{P}_{X_0^l} \otimes \mathbb{P}_{X^l}$ , marginal density  $f^l$  and  $f_0^l$ . If l = a, remark that the definition of  $r_a$  requires  $f_0^a = f^a$ . If  $((X_{0,i_0}^l)_{i_0=1,...,n_0}, (X_i^l)_{i=1,...,n})$  is a double sample distributed as  $X_0^l$  and  $X^l$ , then its distribution is  $\mathbb{P}_l^{(n,n_0)} = \mathbb{P}_{X^l}^{\otimes n} \otimes \mathbb{P}_{X_0^{\otimes n_0}}^{\otimes n_0}$ . Let now  $l \in \{1,...,M\}$  be fixed. The following decomposition holds

(17) 
$$K\left(\mathbb{P}_{l}^{(n,n_{0})},\mathbb{P}_{a}^{(n,n_{0})}\right) = nK\left(\mathbb{P}_{X^{l}},\mathbb{P}_{X^{a}}\right) + n_{0}K\left(\mathbb{P}_{X_{0}^{l}},\mathbb{P}_{X_{0}^{a}}\right)$$

To satisfy (iii), we check that it is possible to obtain  $K(\mathbb{P}_l^{(n,n_0)}, \mathbb{P}_a^{(n,n_0)}) \leq 2^j \kappa \log(2)/8$ . This is sufficient since  $\log(M) \geq 2^j \log(2)/8$  (see (13)). We have now to distinguish the two cases  $n \leq n_0$  and  $n > n_0$  to end the proof: we choose the density functions of  $X_0^a$ ,  $X_a$ ,  $X_0^l$ ,  $X^l$  to only keep the term depending on n in (17) when  $\min(n, n_0) = n$ , and to only keep the term depending on  $n_0$  in the other case.

End of the proof of Inequality (12). Assume  $n \leq n_0$ , such that  $\min(n, n_0) = n$ . We set  $f_0^a = f^a = f^l_0 = \mathbf{1}_{(0;1)}$ , and  $f^l = r_l$ . These choices guarantee that  $(X_0^p, X^p)$  has the relative density  $r_p$ , for p = a and p = l, and, using (17), lead to

$$\begin{split} K\left(\mathbb{P}_{l}^{(n,n_{0})},\mathbb{P}_{a}^{(n,n_{0})}\right) &= n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log\left(\frac{f^{l}}{f^{a}}(x)\right) f^{l}(x) dx = n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(r_{l}(x)) r_{l}(x) dx \\ &= n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log\left(1 + \chi_{\varepsilon^{(l)}}(x)\right) \left(1 + \chi_{\varepsilon^{(l)}}(x)\right) dx. \end{split}$$

Noting that  $\log(1+u) \leq u$  for every u > -1, and using  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_{\varepsilon^{(l)}}(x) dx = 0$ , we obtain

$$K\left(\mathbb{P}_l^{(n,n_0)},\mathbb{P}_a^{(n,n_0)}\right) \le n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_{\varepsilon^{(l)}}^2(x) dx \le n \gamma_{n,n_0}^2 \|\psi\|^2 2^j.$$

Thus to fulfill (iii) it is sufficient to have

(18) 
$$n\gamma_{n,n_0}^2 \|\psi\|^2 \le \kappa \frac{\log(2)}{8}$$

Now the parameters  $\gamma_{n,n_0}$  and  $2^j$  are chosen so that the conditions (14), (15), (16) and (18) are satisfied. We set, for two constants  $b, c_0 > 0$ ,

(19) 
$$\gamma_{n,n_0} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{\min(n,n_0)}}$$
 and  $2^j = c_0 \left(\min(n,n_0)\right)^{1/(2\alpha+1)}$ 

With the choices  $b = \log(2)/(128\|\psi\|^2)$ ,  $c_0 = \min(((L-1)/\sqrt{b})^{2/(2\alpha+1)}, (\|\psi\|_{\infty}/\sqrt{b})^{-2})$ , we check that the three conditions are verified for any  $B_0 < bc_0 \|\psi\|^2/16$ , and for  $\kappa = 1/16$ . This concludes the proof of Inequality (11).

End of the proof of Inequality (11). Assume  $n > n_0$ . The choices are now  $f_0^a = f^a = f^l = r_l$ , and  $f_0^l = \mathbf{1}_{(0;1)}$ , which also lead to the relative density  $r_p$  for  $(X_0^p, X^p)$ , p = a and p = l. Here,

$$K\left(\mathbb{P}_{l}^{(n,n_{0})},\mathbb{P}_{a}^{(n,n_{0})}\right) = n_{0} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log\left(\frac{f_{0}^{l}}{f_{0}^{a}}(x)\right) f_{0}^{l}(x) dx = n_{0} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log\left(\frac{1}{r_{l}(x)}\right) dx,$$

We now notice that  $\log(1+u) \ge u - u^2/2$ , for  $u \ge -1/2$ . We can assume that  $\chi_{\varepsilon^{(l)}}(x) \ge -1/2$ (even if it means reducing the choice of the constant involved in  $\gamma_{n,n_0}$ , see below), and the same computations as in the case  $n \le n_0$  permits to obtain

$$K\left(\mathbb{P}_{l}^{(n,n_{0})},\mathbb{P}_{a}^{(n,n_{0})}\right) \leq n_{0}\gamma_{n,n_{0}}^{2}\|\psi\|^{2}2^{j},$$

and the new condition

(20) 
$$n_0 \gamma_{n,n_0}^2 \|\psi\|^2 \le \kappa \frac{\log(2)}{8}$$

The parameters (19) are still suitable to guarantee (15), (16) and (20). In this case, the constant b need to be small enough so that  $\chi_{\varepsilon^{(l)}}(x) \ge -1/2$ , which is possible. We conclude by checking the three conditions, which leads to Inequality (12), and ends the proof of Theorem 4.

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