

# Adaptive Learning of Density Ratios in RKHS

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## CONTRIBUTION

- (a) Error rates for density ratio estimators
- (b) Parameter choice method achieving rate
- (c) Re-solving saturation issue by iteration

## DENSITY RATIO ESTIMATION

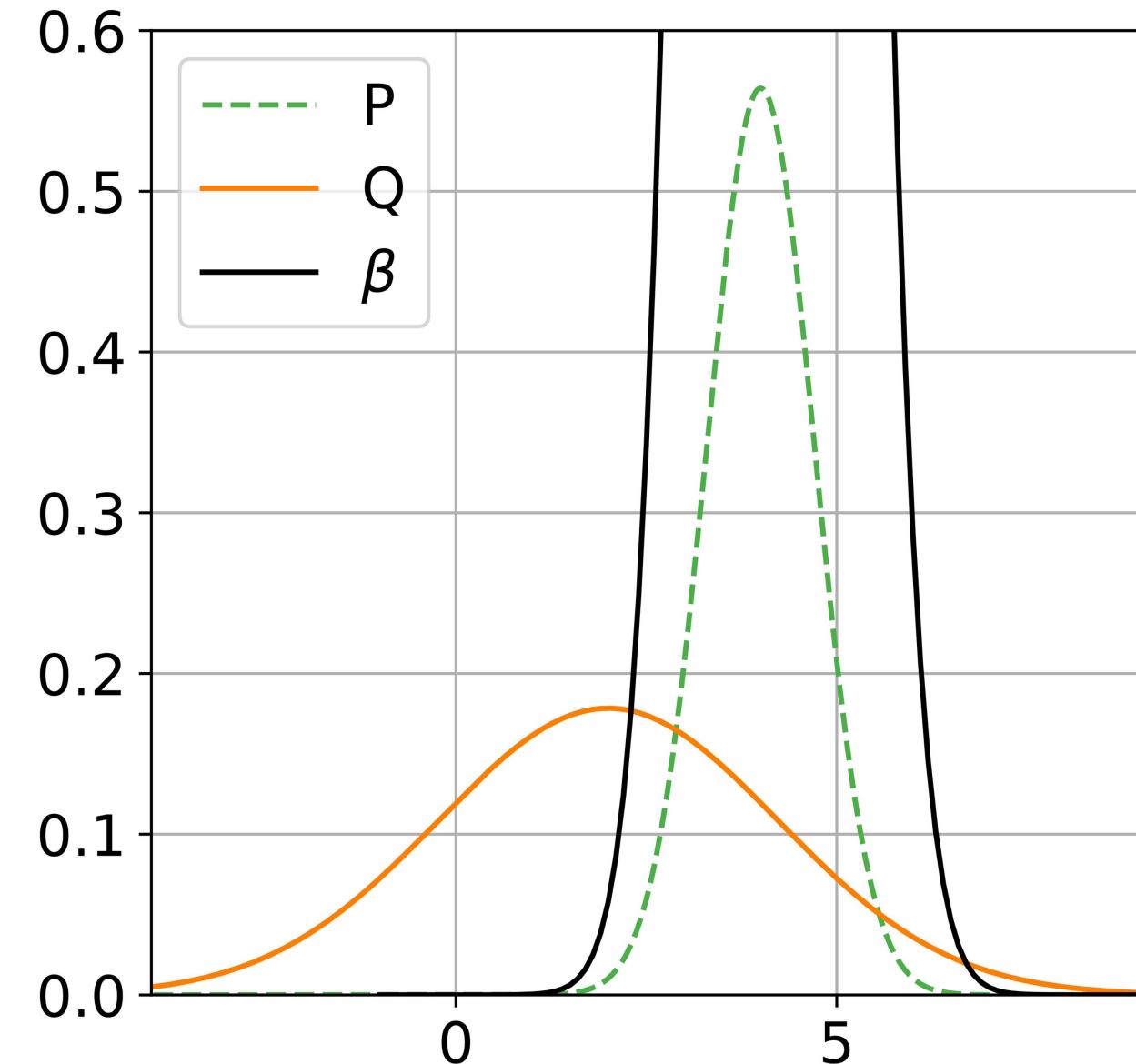


Figure 1: Density ratio  $\beta$  between  $P$  and  $Q$ .

**Problem:** Given  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} P$  and  $\{x'_i\}_{i=1}^n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} Q$ , recover  $\beta := \frac{dP}{dQ}$ .

## Applications:

- Importance weighting

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P}[(f(x) - f_Q(x))^2] \\ = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q}[\beta(x)(f(x) - f_Q(x))^2] \end{aligned}$$

- Csiszár's  $\phi$ -divergence estimation

$$D_\phi(P||Q) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \phi(\beta(x)) dP(x)$$

- Neyman-Pearson Lemma (1933)

A simple statistical significance test of maximal power has unique representation as density ratio threshold decision.

## BREGMAN DIVERGENCE METHODS

**Methods** [Sugiyama, Suzuki, Kanamori; 2012]:

Use estimator  $\hat{\beta}(x) := g(\hat{f}_\lambda(x))$  with  $\hat{f}_\lambda$  solving empirical estimation of

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}} B_F(\beta, g(f)) + \lambda \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \quad (1)$$

for RKHS  $\mathcal{H}$ , convex  $F : L^1(Q) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , link function  $g$ , regularization parameter  $\lambda > 0$  and Bregman divergence

$$B_F(\beta, \hat{\beta}) = F(\beta) - F(\hat{\beta}) - \nabla F(\beta)[\beta - \hat{\beta}].$$

### Examples:

- KuLSIF [Kanamori, Hidu, Sugiyama; 2009]

$$F_{\text{KuLSIF}}(h) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{X}} (h(x) - 1)^2 dQ(x)$$

$$B_F(\beta, g(f)) = \|\beta - f\|_{L^2(Q)}^2$$

- LogReg [Bickel, Brückner, Scheffer; 2010]

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{LR}}(h) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} h(x) \log(h(x)) \\ - (1 + h(x)) \log(1 + h(x)) dQ(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$g_{\text{LR}}(f) = e^f$$

- Square [Menon and Ong; 2016]

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{SQ}}(h) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} 1/(2h(x) + 2) dQ(x) \\ g_{\text{SQ}}(f) = \frac{-1 + 2f}{2 - 2f} \end{aligned}$$

- Boosting [Menon and Ong; 2016]

$$F_{\text{Exp}}(h) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} h(x)^{-3/2} dQ(x), \quad g_{\text{Exp}}(f) = e^{2f}$$

## RESULTS

**Assumption 1** (Data generation model). The data  $\mathbf{z} := (x_i, 1)_{i=1}^m \cup (x'_i, -1)_{i=1}^n$  is independently drawn from  $\rho$ , where  $\rho(x|y=1) := P(x)$ ,  $\rho(x|y=-1) := Q(x)$  and  $\rho_{\{-1,1\}}(y=1) = \rho_{\{-1,1\}}(y=-1) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Lemma 1** (Menon and Ong, 2016). For  $\circ \in \{\text{KuLSIF}, \text{LR}, \text{Exp}, \text{SQ}\}$  it exists  $\ell_\circ : \{-1, 1\} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

$$B_{F_\circ}(\beta, g_\circ(f)) = 2 \left( \mathcal{R}(f) - \inf_{f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{R}(f) \right)$$

where  $\mathcal{R}(f) = \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \{-1,1\}} \ell_\circ(y, f(x)) d\rho(x, y)$ .

**Assumption 2** (Source condition).  $\exists r \in (0, \frac{1}{2}], v \in \mathcal{H} : f_{\mathcal{H}} = \mathbf{H}(f_{\mathcal{H}})^r$ , where  $\mathbf{H}(f) := \mathbb{E}_{Z \sim \rho}[\nabla^2 \ell_Z(f)]$  with  $\ell_{(x,y)}(f) := \ell(y, f(x))$  and  $f_{\mathcal{H}} := \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{R}(f)$ .

**Assumption 3** (Capacity condition).  $\exists \alpha \geq 1, Q \geq 0 : \text{df}_\lambda \leq Q \lambda^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$  with the effective dimension  $\text{df}_\lambda := \mathbb{E}_{Z \sim \rho} \left[ \left\| (\mathbf{H}(f_{\mathcal{H}}) + \lambda I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \ell_Z(f_{\mathcal{H}}) \right\|^2 \right]$ .

**Theorem** (Error rates result). Let  $\circ \in \{\text{KuLSIF}, \text{LR}, \text{Exp}, \text{SQ}\}$ ,  $\delta \in [\frac{2}{e^{1296}}, \frac{1}{2}]$  and  $m, n$  be large enough. Further fix increasing sequence  $(\lambda_i)_{i=1}^l \in \mathbb{R}$  and select

$$\lambda^\circ := \max \left\{ \lambda_i : \left\| \left( \widehat{\mathbf{H}}(\widehat{f}_{\lambda_j}) + \lambda_j I \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \widehat{f}_{\lambda_i} - \widehat{f}_{\lambda_j} \right) \right\|^2 \leq \frac{c}{\lambda^{1/\alpha}(m+n)} \log(2/\delta), j \in \{1, \dots, i-1\} \right\}.$$

Then the following holds with probability  $1 - 2\delta$ :

$$B_{F_\circ}(\beta, g_\circ(\widehat{f}_{\lambda^\circ})) - B_{F_\circ}(\beta, g_\circ(f_{\mathcal{H}})) \leq c(m+n)^{-\frac{2r\alpha+\alpha}{2r\alpha+\alpha+1}}.$$

Rate is minimax optimal for SQ (and  $r \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ). For  $r > \frac{1}{2}$ , Eq. (1) needs [2] to overcome saturation.

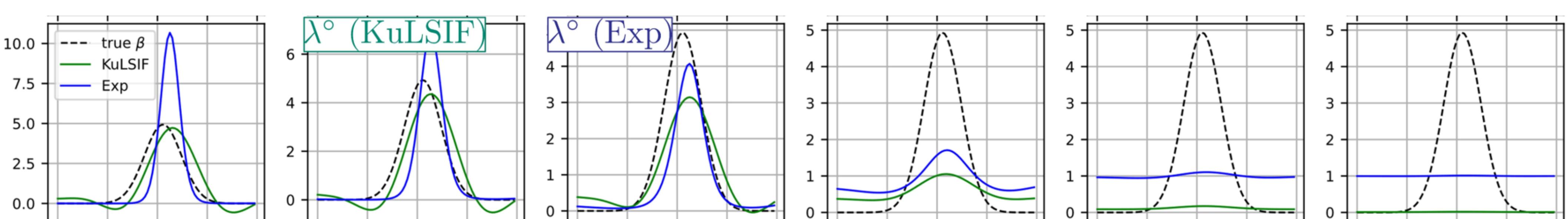


Figure 2: A posteriori Lepskii type parameter choice achieves error rate.

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