The Learning Rates of Regularized Regression Based on Reproducing Kernel Banach Spaces

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We study the convergence behavior of regularized regression based on reproducing kernel Banach spaces (RKBSs). The convex inequality of uniform convex Banach spaces is used to show the robustness of the optimal solution with respect to the distributions. The learning rates are derived in terms of the covering number and $K$-functional.

1. Introduction

Recently, there is an increasing research interest in learning with abstract functional spaces, and considerable work has been done in [1–3] and so on.

Let $(\mathcal{B}, \| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{B}})$ be a normed vector space consisting of real functions on a compact distance space $(X, d(\cdot, \cdot))$, and let $M > 0$ be a given positive number. Let $z = \{z_i\}_{i=1}^m = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^m \in Z^m = (X \times [-M, M])^m$ be a finite set of samples drawn independently and identically (i.i.d.) according to a distribution $\rho(x, y)$ on $Z$. Then, the regularized learning scheme associating with a given hypothesis space $\mathcal{B}$ and the least square loss is

$$f_z := \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{B}} \left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - f(x_i))^2 + \lambda \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}^q\right), \quad (1)$$

where $q \geq 1$ is a given real number. The unknown Borel probability distribution $\rho(x, y)$ can be decomposed into $\rho(y \mid x)$ and $\rho_X(x)$, where $\rho(y \mid x)$ is the conditional probability of $\rho$ at $x \in X$ and $\rho_X(x)$ is the marginal probability on $X$.

The regression function corresponding to the least square loss is

$$f_\rho(x) = \int_{[-M, M]} y \rho(y \mid x) \, dy,$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

which satisfies

$$f_\rho(x) := \arg \min_f \mathcal{E}_\rho(f) = \arg \min_f \int_Z (y - f(x))^2 \, d\rho. \quad (3)$$

When the hypothesis spaces $\mathcal{B}$ in (1) are reproducing kernel Banach spaces, we call it the RKBSs based on regularized regression learning defined by [4, 5] recently. The represented theorem related closely to regularized learning is studied in case that $\mathcal{B}$ is an RKBS, and the discussions are extended to the generalized semi-inner-product RKBSs in [6].

In the present paper, we will provide an investigation on the learning rates of scheme (1) when $\mathcal{B}$ is an RKBS with uniform convexity. The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we show the main results of the present paper. The robustness is studied in Section 3, and the sample errors are bounded in Section 4. The approximation error boils down to a $K$-functional. The learning rates are bounded in Section 5.

For a given real number $p \geq 1$, we denote by $L^p(\rho_X)$ the class of $\rho_X$-measurable functions $\rho$ satisfying $\|f\|_{L^p(\rho_X)} = (\int_X |f(x)|^p \, d\rho_X)^{1/p} < +\infty$.

We say $A = O(B)$ if there is a constant $C > 0$ such that $A/B \leq C$. We say $A \sim B$ if both $A = O(B)$ and $B = O(A)$. 

2. Notions and Results

To state the results of the present paper, we first introduce some notions as follows.

2.1. The RKBSs. We denote by $B$ the Banach space with dual space $B^*$ and norm $\| \cdot \|_B$. For $f \in B$ and $f^* \in B^*$, we write $(f, f^*)_B = f^*(f)$.

A reproducing kernel Banach space (RKBS) on $X$ is a reflexive Banach space of real functions on $X$ whose dual $B^*$ is isometric to a Banach space $B^*_0$ of functions on $X$, and the point evaluations are continuous functions on both $B$ and $B^*$. It was shown by Theorem 2 of [4] that if $B$ is an RKBS on $X$, then, there exists uniquely a function $K : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$ called the reproducing kernel of $B$ satisfying the following:

(i) $K(x, \cdot) \in B$, $K(\cdot, x) \in B^*$, $x \in X$;
(ii) $f(x) = (f, K(\cdot, x))_B$, $f^*(x) = (K(x, \cdot), f^*)_B$, $f^* \in B^*$, $x \in X$.
(iii) The linear span of $\{K(x, \cdot) : x \in X\}$ is dense in $B$, namely,
$$\text{span} \{K(x, \cdot) : x \in X\} = B.$$  
(4)

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(5)

(v) For all $x, y \in X$ there holds $K(x, y) = \langle K(x, \cdot), K(\cdot, y) \rangle_B$.

When $B$ is an RKHS, $K$ is indeed the reproducing kernel in the usual sense (see [7]).

Since $B$ is a reflective Banach space, we have
$$\langle f, f^* \rangle_B \leq \| f \|_B \times \| f^* \|_B, \quad f \in B, \quad f^* \in B^*, \quad (6)$$
$$\| f^* \|_{B^*} = \sup \langle f, f^* \rangle_B. \quad (7)$$

A way of producing reproducing kernel spaces in $L^p$ spaces by the idempotent integral operators was provided in [8]. In the present paper, we provide a method to construct RKBSs by orthogonal function series.

Example 1. Let $X = [a, b]$ be a given closed interval and let, $(\varphi_k(x))_{k=0}^{+\infty}$ be a sequence of continuous functions on $[a, b]$ satisfying the following:

(i) $\varphi_k \in L^p(\rho)$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$;
(ii) $\varphi_k$ and $\varphi_l$ are orthonormal (in $L^2(\rho)$) when $l \neq k$;
(iii) $\text{span}(\{\varphi_k(x)\}_{k=0}^{+\infty})$ is dense in $L^p(\rho)$ for $1 < p < +\infty$.

Let $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=0}^{+\infty}$ be a given positive real number sequence satisfying $\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \lambda_k \leq 1$. Define
$$K(x, y) = \sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} \lambda_l \varphi_l(x) \varphi_l(y), \quad x, y \in X, \quad (8)$$
and the functional class $\mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}$ on $X$ by
$$\mathcal{B}_K^{(p)} = \left\{ f \in C(X) : \left\| f \right\|_{\mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}} = \left( \sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} \left| a_l \right|^p \lambda_l^p \right)^{1/p'} < +\infty \right\}, \quad (9)$$
where $a_k(f) = \int_{[a, b]} f(y) \varphi_k(y) d\rho(y), \ k \in N$. We define the space $\mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}$ for $p' = p/(p-1)$ in an analogous way.

We have the following proposition.

Proposition 2. Define a bivariate operation on $\mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}$ and $\mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}$ by
$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} a_l(f) a_l(g) \lambda_l, \quad f \in \mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}, \ g \in \mathcal{B}_K^{(p')} \quad (10)$$
Then, $\mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}$ is a reproducing kernel Banach space with reproducing kernel $K(x, y)$.

Proof. Let $l_K^p = \{a = \{a_k\}_{k=0}^{+\infty} : \|a\|_{l_K^p} = (\sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} (|a_l|/\lambda_l^p))^{1/p} < +\infty \}$ and $l_K^{p'}$ be defined in an analogous way. Then, both $l_K^p$ and $l_K^{p'}$ are Banach spaces and $(l_K^p)^* = l_K^{p'}$ and $(l_K^{p'})^* = l_K^p$. \(\square\)

By (9) we know $\mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}$ and $l_K^p$ are isometric isomorphisms. Therefore, $\mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}$ are Banach spaces.

Since $a_l(K(\cdot, \cdot)) = \lambda_l \varphi_l(y), \ we have for $f \in \mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}$
$$\langle f, K(\cdot, y) \rangle = \sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} a_l(f) a_l(K(\cdot, y)) \lambda_l \quad (11)$$
$$= \sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} a_l(f) \varphi_l(y) = f(y).$$

By the same way, we have for any $g \in \mathcal{B}_K^{(p)}$ that $\langle K(\cdot, \cdot), g \rangle = g(x); \ that is, the reproducing property holds.

2.2. The Uniform Convexity. In this subsection, we focus on some notions in convex analysis and Banach geometry theory.

Let $F(f) : B \to \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function. Then,
$$\partial F(f) = \{\xi \in B^* : F(f') - F(f) \geq \langle f' - f, \xi \rangle_B, \forall f' \in B \neq \phi \}.$$  
(12)
We call $\partial F(f)$ the subdifferential of $F(f)$ at $f \in B$. If $\xi \in \partial F(f)$, then, we call $\xi$ a subgradient of $F$ at $f$. 

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A well-known result is that \( f_0 \) is a minimal value point of a convex function \( F(f) \) on \( B \) if and only if \( 0 \in \partial F(f_0) \) (see [9]).

A Banach space \( B \) is called \( q \)-uniform convex if there are constants \( q > 0 \), \( c > 0 \) such that the modulus defined by

\[
\delta_{B}(c) = \inf \left( 1 - \frac{\left\| f + g \right\|_B}{2} : \left\| f \right\|_B = \left\| g \right\|_B = 1, \left\| f - g \right\|_B = c \right),
\]

\( \epsilon \in (0, 2] \)

(13)
satisfies \( \delta_{B}(c) \geq cc^q \). In particular, any Hilbert spaces are \( 2 \)-uniform convex Banach spaces.

Define \( I_\gamma(f)_B = \partial ((1/\gamma)\|f\|_B^q) \). Then, by (28) in Corollary 1 of [10] we know \( B \) is \( q \)-uniform convex if and only if there is a positive constant \( c_\gamma > 0 \) such that for all \( f, g \in B \) and all \( j_\gamma(f) \in I_\gamma(f)_B \) there holds

\[
\frac{1}{q} \left( \|f\|_B^q - \|g\|_B^q \right) \geq j_\gamma(g) \cdot f - g + c_\gamma \|f - g\|_B^q \tag{14}
\]

\[ \forall f, g \in B. \]

In [11–14] we know that, for a given \( 1 < p < + \infty \), the space \( L^p \), the Lebesgue spaces \( L^p \) and the Sobolev space \( W^m \) are \( max[2, p] \)-uniform convex. Also, let \( B^{(p)}_K \) and \( B^{(p)}_K \) be defined as in Section 2.1. Then, by the fact that \( B^{(p)}_K \) and \( B^{(p)}_K \) are isometric isomorphisms, we know \( \beta(p) \) is \( 2 \)-uniform convex if \( p > 2 \) and \( p \)-uniform convex if \( 1 < p \leq 2 \). Therefore, we know \( \beta(p) \) is a \( q \)-uniform convex Banach space, where \( q \) is \( 2 \) if \( p > 2 \) and its value is \( p/(p - 1) \) if \( 1 < p \leq 2 \).

2.3. Main Results. Let \( S \) be a distance space and \( \eta > 0 \). The covering number \( \mathcal{N}(S, \eta) \) is defined to be the minimal positive integer number \( l \) such that there exists \( l \) disk in \( S \) with radius \( \eta \) covering \( S \).

We say a compact subset \( E \) in a distance space \( (\mathcal{B}, \| \cdot \|_B) \) has logarithmic convexity exponent \( s \geq 0 \) if there is a constant \( c_s > 0 \) such that the closed ball of radius \( R \) centered at origin, that is, \( \mathcal{B}_R = \{ f \in E : \|f\|_B \leq R \} \), satisfies

\[
\log \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{B}_R, \eta) \leq c_s \left( \frac{r}{\eta} \right)^s, \quad \forall \eta > 0. \tag{15}
\]

Now we are in a position to present the main results of this paper.

**Theorem 3.** Let \( \mathcal{B} \) be an RKBS with \( q \)-uniform convexity and a reproducing kernel \( K(\cdot, x) \) which is uniform continuous on \( X \) in terms of the norm \( \| \cdot \|_B \), that is, \( \|K(\cdot, x)\|_B \cdot \|K(\cdot, x)\|_B \) is a uniform continuous function on \( X \), and there is a constant \( k > 0 \) such that \( \|K(\cdot, x)\|_B \leq k \) holds for all \( x \in X \). Let \( f_z \) be the unique minimizer of scheme (1). If \( f_{\rho} \in L^2(\rho_X) \), then for any \( \epsilon > 0 \) there holds

\[
\text{Prob}_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \left( \left\| f_z - f_{\rho} \right\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} \leq k + 1 + \frac{D_2 \left( f_{\rho}, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right)}{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{B}, \eta)} \right)
\]

\[
\geq 1 - 2 \mathcal{N}_1 \left( \mathcal{B}, \frac{\lambda c_\epsilon}{8 \eta q} \right)
\]

\[
\times \exp \left( - \frac{m \lambda^2 c_\epsilon^2 (q-1)}{32 k^2 y_\rho^2} \right),
\]

where

\[
D_2 \left( f_{\rho}, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right) = \inf_{f \in \mathcal{B}} \left( \|f - f_{\rho}\|_{L^2(\rho_X)}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{q} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right)
\]

is a K-functional, \( \mathcal{N}_1 := M + k(q D_2 (f_{\rho}, \lambda/\rho) \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}) \) and

\[
\mathcal{B}_1 = \{ f(x) : f \in \mathcal{B}, \|f\|_B \leq 1 \}. \tag{16}
\]

The covering number involved in (16) has been studied widely (see [15–19]). In this paper, we assume \( \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{B}, \eta) \) has the logarithmic complexity.

**Theorem 4.** Under the conditions of Theorem 3, if \( f_{\rho} \in L^2(\rho_X) \) and \( (\mathcal{B}, \| \cdot \|_B) \) has logarithmic complexity with exponent \( s \geq 0 \), then for any \( \delta \in (0, 1) \), with confidence \( 1 - \delta \), there holds

\[
\left\| f_z - f_{\rho} \right\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} \leq k \left[ \frac{64 \gamma_\rho^2 \log(2/\delta)}{m \lambda^2 c_\epsilon^2 \rho} \right]^{1/(q-1)} + \frac{g^{2+2+2+2} g^{2+2+2+2} s \gamma_\rho^2 c_\epsilon^2}{m \lambda^2 c_\epsilon^2 (q-1)} \right] \left[ \frac{c_\epsilon^2}{\lambda^2} \right]^{1/(2+2+2+2+2)} + \frac{D_2 \left( f_{\rho}, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right)}{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{B}, \eta)}, \tag{17}
\]

where \( c_s \) is defined in (15).

We now give some remarks on Theorems 3 and 4.

(i) In Theorem 3, we require that the kernel \( K(x, y) \) is uniform continuous and uniform bounded on \( X \). In fact, a large class of real bivariate functions satisfies these conditions. For example, if the function sequence \( \{q_\rho(x)\}_{\rho \in [0, 1]} \) defined in Example 1 is uniformly bounded, that is, \( \|q_\rho(x)\| \leq 1 \) holds for all \( l \) and all \( x \in [a, b] \), then, kernel \( K(x, y) \) is continuous on \( [a, b] \times [a, b] \) which turns out that \( K(x, y) \) is uniform continuous on \( [a, b] \times [a, b] \). Therefore, \( K(x, y) \) is \( \sum_{\delta=0}^{\infty} \lambda \leq 1 \) shows that \( K(x, y) \) is uniform continuous and bounded with norm \( \| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{B}} \).

(ii) By the definition of \( \gamma_\rho \), we know that if \( D_2 (f_{\rho}, \lambda) = O(\lambda^\beta) \), \( 0 < \beta \leq 1 \), then, \( \gamma_\rho = M + O(q \lambda^{\beta-1})^{1/q} \). It is bounded if \( \beta = 1 \).
(iii) If $\mathcal{B}$ is a reproducing kernel Hilbert space, then, $q = 2$, $c_q = 1$. Moreover, if $D_q(f_p, \lambda) = O(\lambda^{2-\beta})$, $0 < \beta \leq 1$, then, we have by (19) that

$$\|f - f_p\|_{L^2(\rho_\infty)} = O \left( \left( \frac{\log(2/\delta)}{m\lambda^{2-\beta}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{1}{m\lambda^{2+\beta}(3-\beta)^{1/2}} \right)^{1/2} + \lambda^{2-\beta} \right).$$

(20)

(iv) We can show a way of bounding the decay rates of $D_q(f_p, \lambda)$ for $1 < p \leq 2$. Let $f \in L^p(\rho)$. Then, we have the following Fourier expansion:

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} a_l(f) \varphi_l(x).$$

(21)

Define an operator sequence by

$$V_n(f, x) = \sum_{l=0}^{n} \lambda_l a_l(f) \varphi_l(x), \quad x \in X.$$  

(22)

Then, for a given positive integer $n$ we have $q(V_n(f)) = \lambda_n a_n(f)$ and

$$\|V_n(f)\|_{\mathcal{B}^{(p)}} = \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} |a_l(V_n(f))| \frac{\lambda_l^{2(1-p')}}{p'} \right)^{1/p'} = \left( \sum_{l=0}^{n} \lambda_l^{2(1-p')-1} |a_l(f)| \frac{\lambda_l}{p'} \right)^{1/p'} \leq \left( \max_{0 \leq l \leq n} \lambda_l^{1-(1/p')} \right) \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} |a_l(f)| \right)^{1/p'} \leq \left( \max_{0 \leq l \leq n} \lambda_l^{1-(1/p')} \right) \|f\|_{L^p(\rho)},$$

(23)

where we have used the generalized Bessel inequality (see [20]):

$$\left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} |a_l(f)| \right)^{1/p'} \leq \|f\|_{L^p(\rho)}.$$  

(24)

Also,

$$\langle V_n(f), K(\cdot, y) \rangle = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} a_l(V_n(f)) a_l(K(\cdot, y)) \lambda_l = \sum_{l=0}^{n} \lambda_l a_l(f) \varphi_l(y) = V_n(f, y).$$

(25)

By (25) and (23) we know $V_n(f) \in \mathcal{B}^{(p)}$ holds for all positive integers $n$ and, in this case,

$$D_q(f_p, \lambda) \leq \|V_n(f)\|_{\mathcal{B}^{(p)}}^q + \lambda |\langle V_n(f), f \rangle|^q \leq \|V_n(f)\|_{\mathcal{B}^{(p)}}^q + \lambda \max_{0 \leq l \leq n} \lambda_l^{1-(1/p')} \|f\|_{L^p(\rho)}.$$  

(26)

One can choose suitable $n$ such that it depends upon the sample number $m$ and obtain the decay rates when $m \to +\infty$. There are many choices for the type of operator (22). For example, the Bernstein-Durrmeyer operators (see, e.g., [21–23]) and the de la Vallée-Poussin sum operators are such types (see [24]). This method was first provided by [25] and was extended in [26, 27].

(v) We know from [19] that the RKHSs with logarithmic complexity with exponent $s \geq 0$ exist. By Corollary 4.1 and Theorem 2.1 of [16] we know that if $\lambda_1$ satisfy $\lambda_1 \sim 1/(1+1)^{\alpha}$, $\alpha > 1$, then, the covering number of $\mathcal{B}^{(p)}$ may attain the decay of complexity exponent. In a recent paper (see [28]), Guntuboyina and Sen showed that the set of all convex functions defined on $[a, b]^d$ that are uniform bounded has the logarithmic complexity exponent $d/2$ in the $L^p$-metric.

3. Robustness

Robustness is a quantitative description of the solutions on the distributions.

Define the $\rho$-control integral regularized model corresponding to (1) by

$$f^{(\rho)} := \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{B}} \left( \mathcal{E}_\rho(f) + \frac{\lambda}{q} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right),$$

(27)

where $\mathcal{E}_\rho(f)$ is defined in (3). Then, $f^{(\rho)}$ is influenced by the distributions $\rho$. For any bounded $\rho$-measurable function $f(x, y)$ on $Z$, we define the empirical measure $\gamma_x(x, y)$ as follows:

$$E_{\gamma_x} [f(x, y)] = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} f(x_i, y_i).$$

(28)

Then, $f_x = f^{(\gamma)}$. We give the following theorem.

Theorem 5. Let $\mathcal{B}$ be an RKBS with $q$-uniform convexity and the reproducing kernel $K(x, y)$, and let $f^{(\rho)}$ and $f^{(\gamma)}$ be the
solutions of scheme (27) with respect to distributions $\rho$ and $y$, respectively. Then,

$$
\|f^{(\rho)} - f^{(\psi)}\|_B
\leq \left( \frac{2}{\lambda c_q} \times \right) \left( \int_Z (y - f^{(\rho)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) \, d\rho \right)
- \int_Z (y - f^{(\psi)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) \, d\rho \right)_{\| \cdot \|_B},
$$

(29)

where $c_q$ is the constant defined in (14).

Theorem 5 shows how $\rho$ influences the unique solution $f^{(\psi)}$.

To prove Theorem 5, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 6.** Under the conditions of Theorem 5, there holds

$$
\partial \mathcal{E}_\rho(f_0) = \left\{ -2 \int_Z (y - f_0(x)) K(\cdot, x) \, d\rho \right\}, \quad f_0 \in B,
$$

(30)

where the point $\cdot$ in $K(\cdot, x)$ means $K(\cdot, x) \in B$ for any $x \in X$.

**Proof.** We restate the following statement.

Let $(B, \| \cdot \|_B)$ be a Banach space, $F(f) : B \to \mathbb{R}$ and $\bigcup_{\rho \in \mathbb{R}}$ be a real function. We say $F$ is Gateaux differentiable at $f_0 \in B$ if there is an $\xi \in B$ such that for any $g \in B$ there holds

$$
\lim_{t \to 0} \frac{F(f_0 + tg) - F(f_0)}{t} = \langle g, \xi \rangle_B,
$$

(31)

and write $F'_G(f_0) = \xi$. By [29] we know that if $F$ is convex on $B$ and is Gateaux differentiable at $f_0 \in B$, then, $\partial F(f_0) = \{F'_G(f_0)\}$. By equality

$$
x^2 - y^2 = 2y(x - y) + (x - y)^2, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R},
$$

(32)

we have for any $g(x) = \langle g, K(\cdot, x) \rangle_B \in B$

$$
\lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\mathcal{E}_\rho(f_0 + tg) - \mathcal{E}_\rho(f_0)}{t}
= \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\int_Z (y - f_0(x) - tg(x))^2 \, d\rho - \int_Z (y - f_0(x))^2 \, d\rho}{t}
= \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\int_Z (y - f_0(x)) g(x) \, d\rho + t^2 \int_Z g(x)^2 \, d\rho}{t}
= -2 \int_Z (y - f_0(x)) g(x) \, d\rho
= -\left( g, -2 \int_Z (y - f_0(x)) K(\cdot, x) \, d\rho \right)_B.
$$

(33)

Since $\mathcal{E}_\rho(f)$ is a convex function on $B$, we know (30) holds.

**Lemma 7.** Take $I_q(f) = \partial((1/q) \| f \|_B^q)$. Then, under the conditions of Theorem 5, there hold the following.

(i) There exists uniquely a minimizer $f^{(\psi)}$ of the problem (27) and

$$
\|f^{(\psi)}\|_B \leq \left( \frac{qD_q(f_0, \lambda/q)}{\lambda} \right)^{1/q}.
$$

(34)

(ii) There is a $J_q(f^{(\psi)}) \in J_q(f^{(\psi)})$ such that

$$
\lambda J_q(f^{(\psi)}) = 2 \int_Z (y - f^{(\psi)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) \, d\rho.
$$

(35)

**Proof.** The uniqueness of the minimizer can be obtained by the fact that (27) is a strict convex optimization problem. By the definition of $f^{(\psi)}$, we have

$$
\frac{\lambda}{q} \| f^{(\psi)} \|_B^q \leq \frac{\lambda}{q} \| f^{(\psi)} \|_B^q + \mathcal{E}_\rho(f^{(\psi)}) - \mathcal{E}_\rho(f_0)
= D_q f_0, \frac{\lambda}{q}.
$$

We then have (34).

**Proof of (35).** Since $f^{(\psi)}$ is the unique solution of (27), we have

$$
0 \in \partial_f \left( \mathcal{E}_\rho(f) + \frac{\lambda}{q} \| f \|_B^q \right)_{f = f^{(\psi)}}.
$$

(37)

Notice that both $\mathcal{E}_\rho(f)$ and $\| f \|_B^q$ are convex functions about $f$ on $B$. We have

$$
\partial_f \left( \mathcal{E}_\rho(f) + \frac{\lambda}{q} \| f \|_B^q \right)_{f = f^{(\psi)}}
= \partial_f \left( \mathcal{E}_\rho(f) \right)_{f = f^{(\psi)}} + \partial_f \left( \frac{\lambda}{q} \| f \|_B^q \right)_{f = f^{(\psi)}}.
$$

By (30), we know that (37) leads to

$$
0 \in \left\{ -2 \int_Z (y - f^{(\psi)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) \, d\rho \right\} + \lambda J_q(f^{(\psi)}).
$$

(39)

Therefore, there is $J_q(f^{(\psi)}) \in J_q(f^{(\psi)})$ such that (35) holds.

**Lemma 8.** Let $\mathcal{F}$ be an RKBS satisfying the conditions of Theorem 3. Then,

$$
\| f(x) \| \leq k \| f \|_\mathcal{F}, \quad x \in X, \quad f \in \mathcal{F}.
$$

(40)

**Proof.** The reproducing property and (16) give

$$
\| f(x) \| = \left\langle f, K(\cdot, x) \right\rangle_\mathcal{F} \leq \| f \|_\mathcal{F} \times \| K(\cdot, x) \|_\mathcal{F}.
$$

(41)

Then, the fact $\| K(\cdot, x) \|_\mathcal{F} \leq k$ gives (40).
Lemma 9. Let \( K(x, y) \) be the reproducing kernel of \( \mathcal{B} \), and \( K(\cdot, x) \) is uniform continuous about \( x \) on \( X \) in norm \( \| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{B}} \), \( R > 0 \) be a given real number. Then, the ball \( \mathcal{B}_R = \{ f \in \mathcal{B} : \| f \|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq R \} \) is a compact subset of \( \mathcal{C}(X) \).

Proof. Since \( X \) is a compact distance space, so is \( X \times X \). Since \( K(\cdot, x) \) is uniform continuous about \( x \) in norm \( \| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{B}} \), we know that for any \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there is a \( \delta > 0 \) such that for all \( x, x' \in X \) with \( d(x, x') < \delta \), we have
\[
\| K(\cdot, x) - K(\cdot, x') \|_{\mathcal{B}} < \varepsilon
\]
and for any \( f \in \mathcal{B}_R \) holds
\[
\left| f(x) - f(x') \right| = \left| \langle f, K(\cdot, x) \rangle_{\mathcal{B}} - \langle f, K(\cdot, x') \rangle_{\mathcal{B}} \right| 
\leq \| f \|_{\mathcal{B}} \times \| K(\cdot, x) - K(\cdot, x') \|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq R \varepsilon.
\]

By (43), we know that \( \mathcal{B}_R \) is a closed, bounded, and equicontinuous set. Therefore, \( \mathcal{B}_R \) is a compact set of \( \mathcal{C}(X) \).

Proof of Theorem 5. By the definition of \( \partial \mathcal{B}_R(f^{(\gamma)}) \) and (30) we know
\[
\mathcal{B}_R(f^{(\gamma)}) - \mathcal{B}_R(f^{(\rho)}) 
\geq \left( f^{(\gamma)} - f^{(\rho)} \right) - 2 \int_Z (y - f^{(\rho)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) d\gamma.
\]
(44)

Also, by (44) and the definitions of \( f^{(\rho)} \) and \( f^{(\gamma)} \) we have
\[
0 \geq \left( \int_Z (y - f^{(\gamma)}(x))^2 d\gamma + \frac{\lambda}{q} \| f^{(\gamma)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right) - \left( \int_Z (y - f^{(\rho)}(x))^2 d\gamma + \frac{\lambda}{q} \| f^{(\rho)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right) 
\geq \mathcal{B}_R(f^{(\gamma)}) - \mathcal{B}_R(f^{(\rho)}) + \frac{\lambda}{q} \left( \| f^{(\gamma)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q - \| f^{(\rho)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right) \tag{45}
\]
\[
geq 2 \left( f^{(\gamma)} - f^{(\rho)} \right) - \int_Z (y - f^{(\rho)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) d\gamma 
+ \frac{\lambda}{q} \left( \| f^{(\gamma)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q - \| f^{(\rho)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right).
\]

Since \( \mathcal{B} \) is \( q \)-uniform convex, we have by (14) and the definition of \( j_q(f^{(\rho)}) \) that
\[
\frac{1}{q} \left( \| f^{(\gamma)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q - \| f^{(\rho)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right) \geq \langle f^{(\gamma)} - f^{(\rho)}, j_q(f^{(\rho)}) \rangle_{\mathcal{B}} \tag{46}
+ c_q \| f^{(\gamma)} - f^{(\rho)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q.
\]
Combining (46) with (45), we have
\[
0 \geq \left( \int_Z (y - f^{(\gamma)}(x))^2 d\gamma + \frac{\lambda}{q} \| f^{(\gamma)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right) 
- \left( \int_Z (y - f^{(\rho)}(x))^2 d\gamma + \frac{\lambda}{q} \| f^{(\rho)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right) 
\geq 2 \left( f^{(\rho)} - f^{(\gamma)} \right) - \int_Z (y - f^{(\rho)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) d\gamma 
+ \frac{\lambda}{q} \left( \| f^{(\gamma)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q - \| f^{(\rho)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right).
\]

It follows that
\[
\lambda c_q \| f^{(\gamma)} - f^{(\rho)} \|_{\mathcal{B}}^q 
\leq 2 \left( f^{(\gamma)} - f^{(\rho)} \right) - \int_Z (y - f^{(\rho)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) d\gamma 
- \int_Z (y - f^{(\rho)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) d\rho \tag{48}
\]
\[
\leq 2 \left( f^{(\gamma)} - f^{(\rho)} \right) - \int_Z (y - f^{(\rho)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) d\gamma 
- \int_Z (y - f^{(\rho)}(x)) K(\cdot, x) d\rho.
\]

We then have (29).

4. Sample Error

We give the following sample error bounds.
Theorem 10. Let \( \mathcal{B} \) be an RKBS satisfying the conditions of Theorem 3. \( f^{(p)} \) is the solution of scheme (27) with respect to \( p \) and \( f_z \) is the solution of (1). Then, for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there hold

\[
\text{Prob}_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} \left\{ \| f^{(p)} - f_z \|_{\mathcal{B}^*} \leq \varepsilon \right\} \geq 1 - 2\mathcal{N} \left( \mathcal{F}, \frac{\lambda c_q \varepsilon^{q-1}}{8} \right) \exp \left( - \frac{m \lambda^2 c_q^2 \varepsilon^{2(q-1)}}{32 \gamma_q^2} \right),
\]

where

\[
\mathcal{F} = \{ h(z) f(x) : f \in \mathcal{B}, \| f \|_{\mathcal{B}^*} \leq 1, \| h \|_{C(\mathcal{Z})} \leq \gamma_q \}. \tag{50}
\]

To show Theorem 10, we first give a lemma.

Lemma 11 (see [15]). Let \( \mathcal{F} \) be a family of functions from a probability space \( \mathcal{Z} \) to \( \mathbb{R} \) and \( d(\cdot, \cdot) \) a distance on \( \mathcal{F} \). Let \( \mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{Z} \) be of full measure and constants \( B, L > 0 \) such that

(i) \( |\xi(z)| \leq B \) for all \( \xi \in \mathcal{F} \) and all \( z \in \mathcal{U} \),

(ii) \( |L_z(\xi_1) - L_z(\xi_2)| \leq L \psi(\xi_1, \xi_2) \) for all \( \xi, \xi_2 \in \mathcal{F} \) and all \( z \in \mathcal{U}^m \), where

\[
L_z(\xi) = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} \xi(z) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \xi(z_i).
\]

Then, for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \),

\[
\text{Prob}_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} \left\{ \sup_{\xi \in \mathcal{F}} |L_z(\xi)| \leq \varepsilon \right\} \geq 1 - \mathcal{N} \left( \mathcal{F}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2L} \right) \times 2 \exp \left( - \frac{m \varepsilon^2}{8L^2} \right). \tag{52}
\]

Proof of Theorem 10. Take \( \psi = \gamma_z \) into (29). Then,

\[
\left\| f^{(p)} - f_z \right\|_{\mathcal{B}^*} \leq \left( \frac{2}{\lambda c_q} \times \left\| \int_{\mathcal{Z}} \left( y - f^{(p)}(x) \right) K(\cdot, x) \, d\rho \right\|^{1/(q-1)} - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( y_i - f^{(p)}(x_i) \right) K(\cdot, x_i) \right\|_{\mathcal{B}^*}^{1/(q-1)} \right). \tag{53}
\]

By (7) and the reproducing property, we have

\[
\left\| \int_{\mathcal{Z}} \left( y - f^{(p)}(x) \right) K(\cdot, x) \, d\rho \right\|_{\mathcal{B}^*} \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( y_i - f^{(p)}(x_i) \right) K(\cdot, x_i) \right\|_{\mathcal{B}^*} \leq \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left\| \int_{\mathcal{Z}} f(z) \, d\rho - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} f(z_i) \right\|. \tag{56}
\]

Define

\[
L_z(f) = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} f(z) \, d\rho - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} f(z_i). \tag{57}
\]
Then,
\[ |L_z(f_1) - L_z(f_2)| \]
\[ \leq \left| \int_{Z} (f_1(z) - f_2(z)) \, d\rho \right| + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} |f_1(z_i) - f_2(z_i)| \]
\[ \leq 2\|f_1 - f_2\|_{C(Z)}. \]

By (52), we have for all \( \epsilon > 0 \) that
\[ \operatorname{Prob}_{x \in Z^m} \left\{ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| L_z(f) \right| \geq \epsilon \right\} \leq 2N \left( \mathcal{F}, \frac{\epsilon}{4} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{m\epsilon^2}{8\gamma_q^2} \right). \] (59)

By (53), (56), and (59), we know
\[ \frac{\lambda_q}{2} \|f^{(\rho)} - f_z\|_{\mathcal{B}}^{q-1} \leq \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \int_{Z} f(z) \, d\rho - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} f(z_i) \right|, \] (60)

which gives
\[ \left\{ z \in Z^m : \frac{\lambda_q}{2} \|f^{(\rho)} - f_z\|_{\mathcal{B}}^{q-1} \geq \epsilon \right\} \subset \left\{ z \in Z^m : \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |L_z(f)| \geq \epsilon \right\}. \] (61)

It follows that
\[ \operatorname{Prob}_{x \in Z^m} \left\{ \frac{\lambda_q}{2} \|f^{(\rho)} - f_z\|_{\mathcal{B}}^{q-1} \geq \epsilon \right\} \]
\[ \leq \operatorname{Prob}_{x \in Z^m} \left\{ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |L_z(f)| \geq \epsilon \right\} \]
\[ \leq 2N \left( \mathcal{F}, \frac{\epsilon}{4} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{m\epsilon^2}{8\gamma_q^2} \right). \] (62)

That is,
\[ \operatorname{Prob}_{x \in Z^m} \left\{ \|f^{(\rho)} - f_z\|_{\mathcal{B}} \geq \epsilon \right\} \]
\[ \leq 2N \left( \mathcal{F}, \frac{\lambda_q \epsilon^{q-1}}{8} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{m\lambda_q^2 \epsilon^{2(q-1)}}{32\gamma_q^2} \right). \] (63)

We then have (49).

\[ \square \]

5. Learning Rates

Proof of Theorem 3. We know from [30] that for any \( f \in L^2(\rho_X) \) there holds
\[ \|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)}^2 = \mathcal{E}_\rho(f) - \mathcal{E}_\rho(f_\rho). \] (64)

Since \( X \) is a compact set, we have by (40) that \( \|f\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} \leq k\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \). Therefore,
\[ \|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} \leq \|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} + \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_\rho(f^{(\rho)}) + \frac{\lambda}{q} \|f^{(\rho)}\|_{\mathcal{B}}^q} \]
\[ \leq k\|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} + \sqrt{\inf_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left( \|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)}^q + \frac{\lambda}{q} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}^q \right)} \]
\[ = k\|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} + \sqrt{\mathcal{D}_q \left( f_\rho, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right)}. \] (65)

By (65) we have
\[ \frac{1}{k} \left( \|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} - \sqrt{\mathcal{D}_q \left( f_\rho, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right)} \right) \leq \|f - f_\rho\|_{\mathcal{B}}, \] (66)

which gives for any \( h > 0 \) that
\[ \{ z \in Z^m : \frac{1}{k} \left( \|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} - \sqrt{\mathcal{D}_q \left( f_\rho, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right)} > h \} \]
\[ \subset \{ z \in Z^m : \|f - f_\rho\|_{\mathcal{B}} > h \}. \] (67)

By (49) and above inequality we have
\[ \operatorname{Prob}_{x \in Z^m} \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \left( \|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} - \sqrt{\mathcal{D}_q \left( f_\rho, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right)} > h \right\} \]
\[ \leq \operatorname{Prob}_{x \in Z^m} \left\{ \|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} > h \right\} \]
\[ \leq 2N \left( \mathcal{F}, \frac{\lambda_q h^{q-1}}{8} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{m\lambda_q^2 \epsilon^{2(q-1)}}{32\gamma_q^2} \right) \] (68)
or
\[ \operatorname{Prob}_{x \in Z^m} \left\{ \|f - f_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} \leq kh + \sqrt{\mathcal{D}_q \left( f_\rho, \frac{\lambda}{q} \right)} \right\} \]
\[ \leq 1 - 2N \left( \mathcal{F}, \frac{\lambda_q h^{q-1}}{8} \right) \times \exp \left( -\frac{m\lambda_q^2 \epsilon^{2(q-1)}}{32\gamma_q^2} \right). \] (69)

Since \( \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{B}_1 \), we know
\[ N \left( \mathcal{F}, \frac{\lambda_q h^{q-1}}{8} \right) \leq N \left( \mathcal{B}_1, \frac{\lambda_q h^{q-1}}{8} \right). \] (70)

By (69) and above inequality we have (16).

To show Theorem 4, we need two lemmas.

[Boxed]
Lemma 12 (see [31]). Let $c_1 > 0$, $c_2 > 0$ and $u > t > 0$. Then, the equation
\[ x'^u - c_1 x'^t - c_2 = 0 \] (71)
has a unique positive zero $x^*$. In addition,
\[ x^* \leq \max \left\{ \left( 2c_1 \right)^{1/(u-t)}, \left( 2c_2 \right)^{1/u} \right\} . \] (72)

Proof of Theorem 4. Since $(\mathcal{B}, \| \cdot \|_q)$ has logarithmic complexity exponent $s \geq 0$, we have by (15) a constant $c_3 > 0$ such that
\[
\log N \left( \mathcal{B}_1, \frac{\lambda c_q h^{q-1}}{8} \right) \leq c_3 \left( \frac{8y_q}{\lambda c_q e^{q-1}} \right)^s .
\] (73)

Then, by (16) we have
\[
\text{Prob}_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^m} \left\{ \| f_z - f_p \|_{L^q(\rho_\delta)} \leq \kappa e + \sqrt{D_q \left( f, \rho_\delta \right)} \right\} \geq 1 - 2 \exp \left( c_3 \left( \frac{8y_q}{\lambda c_q e^{q-1}} \right)^s - \frac{m\lambda^2 q^2 e^{2(q-1)}}{32 y_q^2} \right) .
\] (74)

Take
\[
2 \exp \left( c_3 \left( \frac{8y_q}{\lambda c_q e^{q-1}} \right)^s - \frac{m\lambda^2 q^2 e^{2(q-1)}}{32 y_q^2} \right) = \delta .
\] (75)

Then,
\[
e^{(2+\gamma)(q-1)} - \frac{32y_q^2 \log (2/\delta)}{m\lambda^2 q^2} e^{s(q-1)}
\]
\[
- \frac{32y_q^2 c_q}{m\lambda^2 q^2} \times \left( \frac{8y_q}{\lambda c_q} \right)^s = 0 .
\] (76)

By Lemma 12, we know that the unique solution $e^*$ of (75) satisfies
\[
e^* \leq \max \left\{ \left( \frac{64 y_q^2 \log (2/\delta)}{m\lambda^2 q^2 e^{s(q-1)}} \right)^{1/2(q-1)}, \left( \frac{64 y_q^2 c_q}{m\lambda^2 q^2} \times \left( \frac{8y_q}{\lambda c_q} \right)^s \right)^{1/(2+\gamma)(q-1)} \right\}
\] (77)
\[
\leq \left( \frac{64 y_q^2 \log (2/\delta)}{m\lambda^2 q^2} \right)^{1/2(q-1)} + \left( \frac{8y_q^2 c_q}{m\lambda^2 q^2} \times \left( \frac{8y_q}{\lambda c_q} \right)^s \right)^{1/(2+\gamma)(q-1)} .
\]

By (74) and (77), we have (19). 

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