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MINIMAX RATES FOR ESTIMATING THE DIMENSION OF A MANIFOLD

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ABSTRACT. Many algorithms in machine learning and computational geometry require, as input, the intrinsic dimension of the manifold that supports the probability distribution of the data. This parameter is rarely known and therefore has to be estimated. We characterize the statistical difficulty of this problem by deriving upper and lower bounds on the minimax rate for estimating the dimension. First, we consider the problem of testing the hypothesis that the support of the data-generating probability distribution is a well-behaved manifold of intrinsic dimension d_1 versus the alternative that it is of dimension d_2 , with $d_1 < d_2$. With an i.i.d. sample of size n , we provide an upper bound on the probability of choosing the wrong dimension of $O(n^{-(d_2/d_1-1-\epsilon)n})$, where ϵ is an arbitrarily small positive number. The proof is based on bounding the length of the traveling salesman path through the data points. We also demonstrate a lower bound of $\Omega(n^{-(2d_2-2d_1+\epsilon)n})$, by applying Le Cam's lemma with a specific set of d_1 -dimensional probability distributions. We then extend these results to get minimax rates for estimating the dimension of well-behaved manifolds. We obtain an upper bound of order $O(n^{-(\frac{1}{m-1}-\epsilon)n})$ and a lower bound of order $\Omega(n^{-(2+\epsilon)n})$, where m is the embedding dimension.

1 Introduction

Suppose that X_1, \dots, X_n is an i.i.d. sample from a distribution P whose support is an unknown, well-behaved, manifold M of dimension d in \mathbb{R}^m , where $1 \leq d \leq m$. Manifold learning refers broadly to a suite of techniques from statistics and machine learning aimed at estimating M or some of its features based on the data.

Manifold learning procedures are widely used in high dimensional data analysis, mainly to alleviate the curse of dimensionality. Such algorithms map the data to a new, lower dimensional coordinate system [Bellman, 1961, Lee and Verleysen, 2007a, Hastie et al.,

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2009], with little loss in accuracy. Manifold learning can greatly reduce the dimensionality of the data.

Most manifold learning techniques require, as input, the intrinsic dimension of the manifold. However, this quantity is almost never known in advance and therefore has to be estimated from the data.

Various intrinsic dimension estimators have been proposed and analyzed; [see, e.g., Lee and Verleysen, 2007b, Koltchinskii, 2000, Kégl, 2003, Levina et al., 2004, Hein and Audibert, 2005, Raginsky and Lazebnik, 2005, Little et al., 2009, 2011, Srivastava et al., 2010, Rozza et al., 2012, Camastra and Staiano, 2016]. However, characterizing the intrinsic statistical hardness of estimating the dimension remains an open problem.

The traditional way of measuring the difficulty of a statistical problem is to bound its *minimax risk*, which in the present setting is loosely described as the worst possible statistical performance of an optimal dimension estimator. Formally, given a class of probability distribution \mathcal{P} , the minimax risk $R_n = R_n(\mathcal{P})$ is defined as

$$R_n = \inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_P \left[1(\hat{d}_n \neq d(P)) \right]. \quad (1.1)$$

In Equation (1.1), $d(P)$ is the dimension of the support of P , \mathbb{E}_P denotes the expectation with respect to the distribution P , $1(\cdot)$ is the indicator function, and the infimum is over all estimators (measurable functions of the data) $\hat{d}_n = \hat{d}_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ of the dimension $d(P)$. The risk $\mathbb{E}_P[1(\hat{d}_n \neq d(P))]$ of a dimension estimator \hat{d}_n is the probability that \hat{d}_n differs from the true dimension $d(P)$ of the support of the data generating distribution P . The minimax risk $R_n(\mathcal{P})$, which is a function of both the sample size n and the class \mathcal{P} , quantifies the intrinsic hardness of the dimension estimation problem, in the sense that *any dimension estimator* cannot have a risk smaller than R_n uniformly over every $P \in \mathcal{P}$.

The purpose of this paper is to obtain upper and lower bounds on the minimax risk R_n in (1.1). We impose several regularity conditions on the set of manifolds supporting the distribution in the class \mathcal{P} , in order to make the problem analytically tractable and also to avoid pathological cases, such as space-filling manifolds. We first assume that the manifold supporting the data generating distribution P has two possible dimensions, d_1 and d_2 . This assumption is then relaxed to any dimension $d(P)$ between 1 and the embedding dimension m . Our main result is the following theorem. See Section 2 for the definition of the class \mathcal{P} of probability distributions supported on well-behaved manifolds in \mathbb{R}^m .

Theorem 1. *The minimax risk R_n in (1.1) satisfies, $a_n \leq R_n \leq b_n$, where*

$$a_n = (C_{K_I}^{(17)})^n \min\{\tau_\ell^{-4} n^{-2}, 1\}^n, \quad (1.2)$$

$$b_n = (C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)})^n \max\left\{1, \tau_g^{-(m^2-m)n}\right\} n^{-\frac{n}{m-1}}, \quad (1.3)$$

and the constants τ_ℓ , τ_g , $C_{K_I}^{(17)}$ and $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)}$ depend on \mathcal{P} and are defined in Section 5.

We now make a few remarks about the previous theorem.

- Since the dimension $d(P)$ is a discrete quantity, the minimax rate R_n in (1.1) is superexponential in sample size. This result seems at odds with the exponential rate obtained by [Koltchinskii, 2000, Proposition 2.1]. These different rates are due to different model assumptions. In [Koltchinskii, 2000] the data generating distribution is the convolution of a probability distribution supported on a manifold with a noise distribution supported on a set of full dimension m . In contrast, here we assume that the data are generated from a probability distribution supported on a manifold. Under our noiseless model, distributions supported on manifolds with different dimension are more easily distinguishable, hence the minimax rate R_n converges to 0 faster than under the model with noise assumed by [Koltchinskii, 2000].
- The key quantities that appear in the lower bound (1.2) and the upper bound (1.3) are the global reach τ_g and the local reach τ_ℓ of the manifold, which are defined in Section 2. These reach parameters can be roughly thought as the inverse of the usual notion of curvature [see, e.g. Federer, 1959], and they affect the performance of any dimension estimator: a manifold with low reach may appear more space-filling than a manifold of the same dimension but with higher reach, thus making the task of resolving the dimension harder. Indeed, our analysis shows formally that the minimax risk R_n in (1.1) decreases in the values of the reaches. Given their crucial role, we have attempted to make the dependence of the minimax risk R_n on both τ_g and τ_ℓ as explicit as possible.
- There is a gap between the lower bound (1.2) and the upper bound (1.3). Nonetheless, as far as we are aware, these are the most precise bounds on R_n that are available.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we formulate and discuss regularity conditions on distributions and their supporting manifolds. In Section 3, we provide an upper bound on the minimax rate by considering the traveling salesman path through the points. In Section 4, we derive a lower bound on the minimax rate by applying Le Cam’s lemma with a specific set of d_1 -dimensional and d_2 -dimensional probability distributions. In Section 5, we extend our upper bound and lower bound for the case where the intrinsic dimension varies from 1 to m .

2 Definitions and Regularity Conditions

In this section, we define the set \mathcal{P} of probability distributions that we consider in bounding the minimax risk R_n in (1.1). Such distributions are supported on manifolds whose dimension d is between 1 and m , where m is the dimension of the embedding space. In

particular, we require that the supporting manifolds have a uniform lower bound on their reach parameters τ_g and τ_l . The resulting class of distributions is denoted by

$$\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{d=1}^m \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_l, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d. \quad (2.1)$$

In the rest of this section, we will make the definition $\mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_l, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d$ precise. Readers who are not interested in the details may skip the rest of the section. All the proofs for this section are in Section A.

2.1 Notation and Basic Definitions

For the reader's convenience, we provide a list of the notation used throughout the paper in Table 1.

We now briefly review some notations from differential geometry. For a more detailed treatment, we refer the reader to standard textbooks on this topic [see, e.g., Lee, 2000, 2003, Petersen, 2006, do Carmo, 1992]. A topological manifold of dimension d is a topological space M and a family of homeomorphisms $\varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow V_\alpha \subset M$ from an open subset of \mathbb{R}^d to an open subset of M such that $\bigcup_\alpha \varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha) = M$. A topological space M is considered to be a d -dimensional manifold if there exists a family of homeomorphisms $\varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow V_\alpha \subset M$ such that $(M, \{\varphi_\alpha\}_\alpha)$ is a manifold. If M is a d -dimensional manifold, such d is unique and is called the dimension of a manifold. If, for any pair α, β , with $\varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha) \cap \varphi_\beta(U_\beta) \neq \emptyset$, $\varphi_\beta^{-1} \circ \varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \rightarrow U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$ is C^k , then M is a C^k -manifold.

We assume that the topological manifold M is embedded in \mathbb{R}^m , i.e. $M \subset \mathbb{R}^m$, and the metric is inherited from the metric of \mathbb{R}^m . For a topological manifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and for any $p, q \in M$, a path joining p to q is a map $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\gamma(a) = p$, $\gamma(b) = q$. The length of the curve γ is defined as $Length(\gamma) = \int_a^b \|\gamma'(t)\|_2 dt$. A topological manifold M is equipped with the distance $dist_M : M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as $dist_M(p, q) = \inf_{\gamma: \text{path joining } p \text{ and } q} Length(\gamma)$. A path $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M$ is a geodesic if for all $t, t' \in [a, b]$, $dist_M(\gamma(t), \gamma(t')) = |t - t'|$.

Let $T_p M$ denote the tangent space to M at p . Given $p \in M$, there exist a set $0 \in \mathcal{E} \subset T_p(M)$ and a mapping $\exp_p : \mathcal{E} \subset T_p M \rightarrow M$ such that $t \rightarrow \exp_p(tv)$, $t \in (-1, 1)$, is the unique geodesic of M which, at $t = 0$, passes through p with velocity v , for all $v \in \mathcal{E}$. The map $\exp_p : \mathcal{E} \subset T_p M \rightarrow M$ is called the exponential map on p .

One of the key conditions that we impose in Section 2.3 is about the reach.

Definition 1. For a compact d -dimensional topological manifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ (with boundary), the *reach* of M , $\tau(M)$, is defined as the largest value of $r > 0$ such that each $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Notation	Definition
$1(\cdot)$	indicator function.
d, d_1, d_2	dimension of a manifold.
\widehat{d}_n	dimension estimator.
$dist_A(\cdot, \cdot)$	distance function on the set A .
$dist_{A, \ \cdot\ }(\cdot, \cdot)$	distance function on the set A induced by the norm $\ \cdot\ $.
$\exp_p(\cdot)$	exponential map on point $p \in M$.
$\ell(\cdot, \cdot)$	loss function.
n	size of the sample.
m	dimension of the embedding space.
p, q	points on the manifold M .
$vol_A(\cdot)$	volume function of A .
$B_A(x, r)$	open ball with center x and radius r , $\{y \in A : dist_A(y, x) < r\}$.
C_{a_1, \dots, a_k}	constant that depends only on a_1, \dots, a_k .
I	cube $[-K_I, K_I]^m$.
K_I, K_v, K_p	fixed constants for regular conditions; see Definition 2.
M	manifold.
P	data generating probability distribution.
R_n	minimax risk $\inf_{\widehat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_P \left[1 \left(\widehat{d}_n \neq d(P) \right) \right]$; see (1.1), (2.5), and (2.6).
S_n	permutation group on $\{1, \dots, n\}$.
T	subset of $I^n \subset (\mathbb{R}^d)^n$, used in Section 4.
$T_p M$	tangent space of a manifold M at p .
X_1, \dots, X_n	sample points.
\mathcal{M}	set of manifolds; see Definition 2.
\mathcal{P}	set of distributions; see Definition 2.
γ	path on a manifold M .
$\pi_A(\cdot)$	projection function onto a closed set A .
σ	permutation.
$\tau(M)$	reach of a manifold M ; see Definition 1 and Lemma 2.
τ_g	lower bound for global reach; see Definition 2.
τ_ℓ	lower bound for local reach; see Definition 2.
ω_d	volume of the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^d , $\frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2}+1)}$.
$\Pi_{n_1:n_2}$	coordinate projection map: $\Pi_{n_1:n_2}(x_1, \dots, x_d) = (x_{n_1}, \dots, x_{n_d})$.

Table 1: Table of notations and definitions.

with $dist_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, M) < r$ has a unique projection $\pi_M(x)$ on M , i.e.

$$\tau(M) := \sup \left\{ r : \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ with } dist_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, M) < r, \right. \\ \left. \exists! \pi_M(x) \in M \text{ s.t. } \|x - \pi_M(x)\|_2 = \inf_{y \in M} \|x - y\|_2 \right\}. \quad (2.2)$$

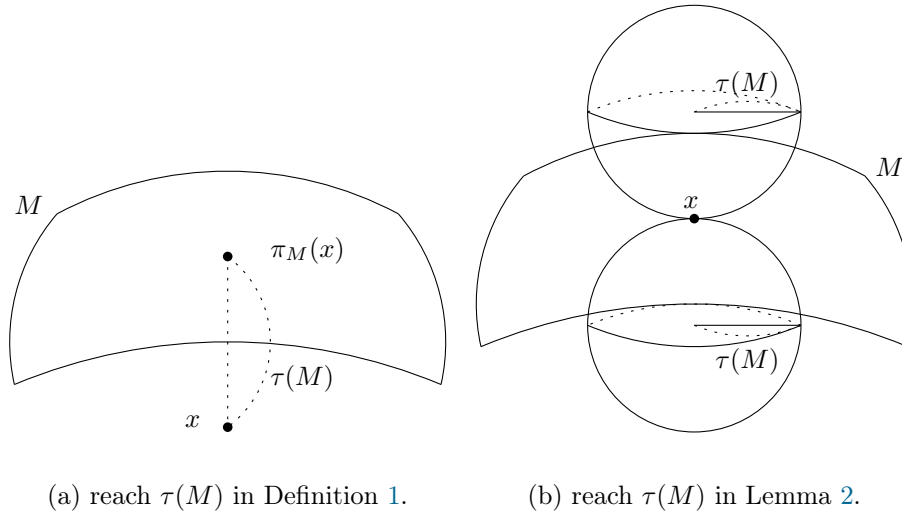


Figure 2.1: For a manifold M , there are several equivalent definitions for reach $\tau(M)$ in Definition 1. (a) The reach $\tau(M)$ is the supremum value of r such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ with $\text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, M) < r$ has unique projection $\pi_M(x)$ to M , as in (2.2). (b) The reach $\tau(M)$ is the maximum radius of a ball that you can roll over the manifold M , as in (2.3).

See [Federer, 1959] for further details. The reach $\tau(M)$ can be also considered as one kind of curvature, and can be understood as an inverse of other usual curvatures. See Figure 2.1(a) for the illustration of Definition 1. There are several equivalent ways to define the reach $\tau(M)$ in (2.2) for the manifold M . The reach $\tau(M)$ is the maximum radius of a ball that can be rolled freely over the manifold M , as in Lemma 2. See Figure 2.1(b) for the illustration of Lemma 2.

Lemma 2. For a manifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^m$,

$$\tau(M) = \sup \left\{ r : \forall x \in M, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ with } y - x \perp T_x M \text{ and } \|y - x\|_2 = r, \right. \\ \left. B_{\mathbb{R}^m}(y, r) \cap M = \emptyset \right\}. \quad (2.3)$$

Proof of Lemma 2. [See Federer, 1959, Theorem 4.18]. □

2.2 Minimax Theory

The minimax rate is the risk of an estimator that performs best in the worst case, as a function of the sample size [see, e.g. Tsybakov, 2008]. Let \mathcal{P} be a collection of probability distributions over the same sample space \mathcal{X} and let $\theta : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \Theta$ be a function over \mathcal{P} taking

values in some space Θ , the parameter space. We can think of $\theta(P)$ as the feature of interest of the probability distribution P , such as its mean, or, as in our case, the dimension of its support. For the fixed sample size n , suppose $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is an i.i.d. (independent and identically distributed) sample drawn from a fixed probability distribution $P \in \mathcal{P}$. Thus X takes values in the n -fold product space $\mathcal{X}^n = \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}$ and is distributed as $P^{(n)}$, the n -fold product measure. An estimator $\hat{\theta}_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \Theta$ is any measurable function that maps the observation X into the parameter space Θ . Let $\ell : \Theta \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a loss function, a non-negative bounded function that measures how different two parameters are. Then for a fixed estimator $\hat{\theta}_n$ and a fixed distribution P , the risk of $\hat{\theta}_n$ is defined as

$$\mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\hat{\theta}_n(X), \theta(P) \right) \right].$$

Then for a fixed estimator $\hat{\theta}_n$, its maximum risk is the supremum of its risk over every distribution $P \in \mathcal{P}$, that is,

$$\sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\hat{\theta}_n(X), \theta(P) \right) \right]. \quad (2.4)$$

The minimax risk associated with \mathcal{P} , θ , ℓ and n is the maximal risk of any estimator that performs the best under the worst possible choice of P . Formally, the *minimax risk* is

$$R_n = \inf_{\hat{\theta}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\hat{\theta}_n(X), \theta(P) \right) \right]. \quad (2.5)$$

The minimax risk R_n in (2.5) is often viewed as a function of the sample size n , in which case any positive sequence ψ_n such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n / \psi_n$ remains bounded away from 0 and ∞ is called a *minimax rate*. Notice that minimax rates are unique up to constants and lower order terms.

To define a meaningful minimax risk, it is essential to have some constraint on the set of distributions \mathcal{P} in (2.4) and (2.5). If \mathcal{P} is too large, then the minimax rate R_n in (2.5) will not converge to 0 as n goes to ∞ : this means that the problem is statistically ill-posed. If \mathcal{P} is too small, the minimax estimator depends too much on the specific distributions in \mathcal{P} and is not a useful measure of a statistical difficulty.

Determining the value of the minimax risk R_n in (2.5) for a given problem requires two separate calculations: an upper bound on R_n and a lower bound. In order to derive an upper bound, one analyzes the asymptotic risk of a specific estimator $\hat{\theta}_n$. Lower bounds are instead usually computed by measuring the difficulty of a multiple hypothesis testing problem that entails identifying finitely many distributions in \mathcal{P} that are maximally difficult to discriminate [see, e.g. [Tsybakov, 2008](#), Section 2.2].

For the dimension estimation problem, we obtain an upper bound on R_n by analyzing the performance of an estimator based on the length of the traveling salesman problem, as described in Section 3. On the other hand, the calculation of the lower bound presents

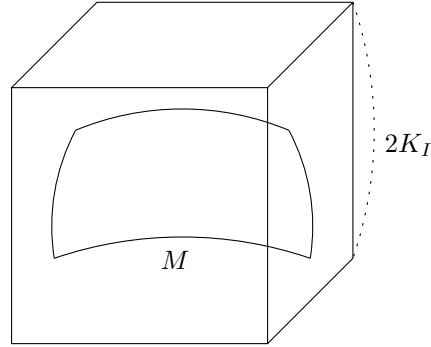


Figure 2.2: A manifold M is assumed to be contained inside the cube $I = [-K_I, K_I]^m$, for some $K_I > 0$. See Definition 2.

non-trivial technical difficulties, because probability distributions supported on manifolds of different dimensions are singular with respect to each other, and therefore trivially discriminable. In order to overcome such an issue, we resort to constructing mixtures of mutually singular distributions. We detail this construction in Section 4.

There is a gap between the lower and upper bounds we derive on the minimax risk, as it is often the case in such calculations. Nonetheless, the derivation of the bounds is of use in understanding the difficulty of the dimension estimation problem.

2.3 Regularity conditions on the Distributions and their Supporting Manifolds

In our analysis we require various regularity conditions on the class \mathcal{P} of probability distributions appearing in the minimax risk (1.1). Most of these conditions are of a geometric nature and concern the properties of the manifolds supporting the probability distributions in \mathcal{P} . Altogether, our assumptions rule out manifolds that are so complicated to make the dimension estimation problem unsolvable and, therefore, guarantee that the minimax risk R_n in (2.5) converges to 0 as n goes to ∞ . Such regularity assumptions are quite mild, and in fact allow for virtually all types of manifolds usually encountered in manifold learning problems.

Our first assumption is that the probability distributions in \mathcal{P} are supported over manifold contained inside a compact set, which, without loss of generality, we take to be the cube $I := [-K_I, K_I]^m$, for some $K_I > 0$. See Figure 2.2.

Second, to exclude manifolds that are arbitrarily complicated in the sense of having unbounded curvatures or of being nearly self intersecting, we assume that the reach is uniformly bounded from below. More precisely, we will constrain both the global reach and the local reach as follows. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$ with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. The global reach condition for a

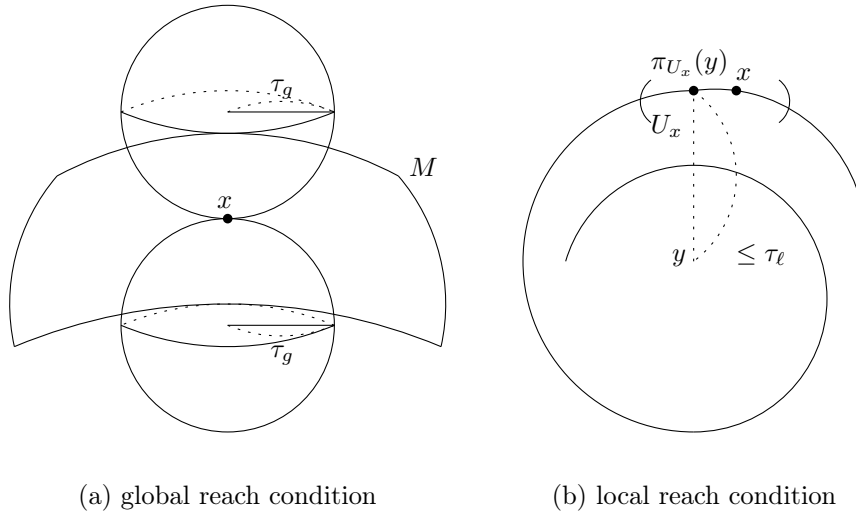


Figure 2.3: A manifold M with (a) *global reach* at least τ_g , or (b) *local reach* at least τ_ℓ . See Definition 2.

manifold M is that the usual reach $\tau(M)$ in (2.2) is lower bounded by τ_g as in Figure 2.3(a), and the local reach condition is that M can be covered by small patches whose reaches are lower bounded by τ_ℓ , as in Figure 2.3(b). (See Definition 2 below for more details.)

Third, we assume that the data are generated from a distribution P supported on a manifold M having a density with respect to the (restriction of the) Hausdorff measure on M bounded from above by some positive constant K_p .

For manifolds without boundary, the above conditions suffice for our analysis. However, to deal with manifolds with boundary, we need further assumptions, namely local geodesic completeness and essential dimension. A manifold M is said to be complete if any geodesic can be extended arbitrarily farther, i.e. for any geodesic path $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M$, there exists a geodesic $\tilde{\gamma} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ that satisfies $\tilde{\gamma}|_{[a, b]} = \gamma$. [see, e.g., Lee, 2000, 2003, Petersen, 2006, do Carmo, 1992]. Accordingly, we define a manifold M to be locally (geodesically) complete, if any two points inside a geodesic ball of small enough radius in the interior of M can be joined by a geodesic whose image also lies on the interior of M .

Fifth, we assume the manifold M is of essential dimension d , in volume sense. If we fix any point p in the d -dimensional manifold M , then the volume of a ball of radius r grows in order of r^d when r is small. By extending this, fix $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, and we say that the manifold M is of essential volume dimension d , if the volume of a geodesic ball of radius r around any point in M is lower bounded by $K_v r^d \omega_d$, for some positive constant K_v and all r small enough.

We are now ready to formally define the class \mathcal{P} of probability distributions that we will consider in our analysis of the minimax problem (1.1).

Definition 2. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Let $\mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$ be the set of compact d -dimensional manifolds M such that:

- (1) $M \subset I := [-K_I, K_I]^m \subset \mathbb{R}^m$;
- (2) M is of *global reach* at least τ_g , i.e. $\tau(M) \geq \tau_g$, and M is of *local reach* at least τ_ℓ , i.e. for all $p \in M$, there exists a neighborhood U_p in M such that $\tau(U_p) \geq \tau_\ell$;
- (3) M is *locally (geodesically) complete* (with respect to τ_g): for all $p \in \text{int}(M)$ and for all $q_1, q_2 \in B_M(p, 2\sqrt{3}\tau_g)$, there exists a geodesic γ joining q_1 and q_2 whose image lies on $\text{int}M$;
- (4) M is of *essential volume dimension* d (with respect to K_v and τ_g): if for all $p \in M$ and for all $r \leq \sqrt{3}\tau_g$, $\text{vol}_M(B_M(p, r)) \geq K_v r^d \omega_d$.

Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d$ be the set of Borel probability distributions P such that:

- (5) P is supported on a d -dimensional manifold $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$;
- (6) P is absolutely continuous with respect to the restriction vol_M of the d -dimensional Hausdorff measure on the supporting manifold M and such that $\sup_{x \in M} \frac{dP}{d\text{vol}_M}(x) \leq K_p$.

For every $P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d$, denote the dimension of its distribution as $d(P)$.

Remark 1. For manifolds without boundary, the local completeness condition and the essential volume dimension condition in Definition 2 always hold. The Hopf Rinow Theorem [see, e.g. Petersen, 2006, Theorem 16] implies that any compact closed manifold without boundary is geodesic complete, which implies it is locally complete in the sense of (3) in Definition 2. Also, [Niyogi et al., 2008, Lemma 5.3] implies that, for a d -dimensional manifold M and all $0 < r \leq 2\tau(M)$,

$$\text{vol}_M(B_M(p, r)) \geq r^d \left(1 - \left(\frac{r}{2\tau(M)} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{d}{2}} \omega_d,$$

for all $p \in M$. Hence, when, for fixed $\tau_g > 0$, a d -dimensional manifold M (without boundary) satisfies $\tau(M) \geq \tau_g$, then for any $0 < r \leq \sqrt{3}\tau_g$, $\text{vol}_M(B_M(p, r)) \geq 2^{-d} r^d \omega_d$, so the essential volume dimension condition is satisfied.

Remark 2. The notion of the local reach τ_ℓ in Definition 2 is less standard than the global reach τ_g , which is the usual definition of the reach in [see, e.g. Federer, 1959]. The local reach condition is only used in getting the lower bound of the minimax rate R_n in Section 4, while the global reach condition is used in both Section 3 and Section 4. In fact, the reach of the manifold is determined either by a bottleneck structure or an area of high curvature, as in [Aamari et al., 2017, Theorem 3.4]. And the global reach condition is imposing regularities on both cases, while the local reach condition is imposing regularities only on the latter case, i.e. on the local curvature. Setting the local reach τ_ℓ equal to the global reach τ_g reduces to the model that has conditions only on the usual reach.

The regularity conditions in Definition 2 imply further constraints on both the distributions in \mathcal{P} and their supporting manifolds, in Lemma 3, 4, and 5. Such properties are exploited in Section 3 and 4. The proofs for Lemma 3, 4, and 5 are in Appendix A.

Lemma 3. Fix $\tau_g \in (0, \infty]$, and let M be a d -dimensional manifold with global reach $\geq \tau_g$. For $r \in (0, \tau_g)$, let $M_r := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m : \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, M) < r\}$ be an r -neighborhood of M in \mathbb{R}^m . Then, the volume of M is upper bounded as

$$\text{vol}_M(M) \leq \frac{m!}{d!} r^{d-m} \text{vol}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(M_r).$$

Further, fix $\tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$, and suppose $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$. Then the volume of M is upper bounded as

$$\text{vol}_M(M) \leq C_{K_I, m}^{(3)} \max\left\{1, \tau_g^{d-m}\right\},$$

where $C_{K_I, m}^{(3)}$ is a constant depending only on K_I and m .

Lemma 4. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Let $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$ and $r \in (0, 2\sqrt{3}\tau_g]$. Then M can be covered by N radius r balls $B_M(p_1, r), \dots, B_M(p_N, r)$, with

$$N \leq \left\lfloor \frac{2^d \text{vol}(M)}{K_v r^d \omega_d} \right\rfloor.$$

Lemma 5. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Let $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$ and let $\exp_{p_k} : \mathcal{E}_k \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow M$ be an exponential map, where \mathcal{E}_k is the domain of the exponential map \exp_{p_k} and $T_{p_k}M$ is identified with \mathbb{R}^d . For all $v, w \in \mathcal{E}_k$, let $R_k := \max\{\|v\|, \|w\|\}$. Then

$$\|\exp_{p_k}(v) - \exp_{p_k}(w)\|_{\mathbb{R}^m} \leq \frac{\sinh(\sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell)}{\sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell} \|v - w\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}.$$

Under these regularity conditions, the minimax risk R_n is defined as

$$R_n = \inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[1 \left(\hat{d}_n(X) \neq d(P) \right) \right], \quad (2.6)$$

where in Section 3 and 4 we fix $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ with $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$ and define

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}, \quad (2.7)$$

and in Section 5 we set instead

$$\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{d=1}^m \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d. \quad (2.8)$$

In (2.6), \hat{d}_n is any dimension estimator based on data $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, and the loss function $\ell(\cdot, \cdot)$ is 0 – 1 loss, so for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $\ell(x, y) = 1(x \neq y)$.

3 Upper Bound for Choosing Between Two Dimensions

In this section we provide an upper bound on the minimax rate R_n in (2.6) when $d(P)$ can only take two known values. Fix $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ with $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$, and assume that the data are generated from a distribution $P \in \mathcal{P}$ such that either $d(P) = d_1$ or $d(P) = d_2$ as in (2.7). In this case, the minimax risk quantifies the statistical hardness of the hypothesis testing problem of deciding whether the data originate from a d_1 or d_2 -dimensional distribution. In Section 5 we will relax this assumption and allow for the intrinsic dimension $d(P)$ to be any integer between 1 and m as in (2.8). All the proofs for this section are in Section B.

Our strategy to derive an upper bound on R_n is to choose a particular estimator \hat{d}_n and then derive a uniform upper bound on its risk over the class \mathcal{P} in (2.7), i.e. an upper bound for the quantity

$$\sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[1 \left(\hat{d}_n(X) \neq d(P) \right) \right], \quad (3.1)$$

where $P^{(n)}$ denotes the n -fold product of P . This will in turn yield an upper bound on the minimax risk R_n , since

$$R_n = \inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[1 \left(\hat{d}_n(X) \neq d(P) \right) \right] \leq \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[1 \left(\hat{d}_n(X) \neq d(P) \right) \right]. \quad (3.2)$$

Naturally, choosing an appropriate estimator is critical to get a sharp bound. In Section 3.1, we define our dimension estimator \hat{d}_n and analyze its risk. From that analysis, we derive an upper bound on the minimax risk R_n in (2.6) in Section 3.2.

3.1 Dimension Estimator and its Analysis

Our dimension estimator \widehat{d}_n is based on the d_1 -squared length of the TSP (Traveling Salesman Path) generated by the data. The d_1 -squared length of the TSP generated by the data is the minimal d_1 -squared length of all possible paths passing through each sample point X_i once, which is

$$\min_{\sigma \in S_n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \right\}. \quad (3.3)$$

Then, $\widehat{d}_n = d_1$ if and only if the d_1 -squared length of the TSP is below a certain threshold; that is

$$\widehat{d}_n(X) := \begin{cases} d_1, & \text{if } \min_{\sigma \in S_n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \right\} \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \{1, \tau_g^{d_1-m}\}, \\ d_2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

where $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$ is a constant to be defined later.

We begin our analysis of the estimator \widehat{d}_n with Lemma 6, which shows that \widehat{d}_n makes an error with probability of order $O\left(n^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}-1\right)n}\right)$ if the correct dimension is d_2 . Specifically, we demonstrate that, for any positive value L , the d_1 -squared length of a piecewise linear path from X_1 to X_n , $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{i+1} - X_i\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$, is upper bounded by L with a very small probability of order $O\left(n^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}-1\right)n}\right)$, as in (3.5). Hence the d_1 -squared length of the path is not likely to be bounded by any such threshold L .

Lemma 6. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$. Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}$. Then for all $L > 0$,

$$P^{(n)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{i+1} - X_i\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \leq L \right] \leq \frac{\left(C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)}\right)^{n-1} L^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}(n-1)} \max \{1, \tau_g^{(d_2-m)(n-1)}\}}{(n-1) \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}-1\right)^{(n-1)} (n-1)!}, \quad (3.5)$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)}$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_p , and m .

Proof of Lemma 6. in Appendix B. □

Next, Lemma 7 shows that the estimator \widehat{d}_n in (3.4) is always correct when the intrinsic dimension is d_1 , as in (3.6). Specifically, the d_1 -squared length of the TSP path

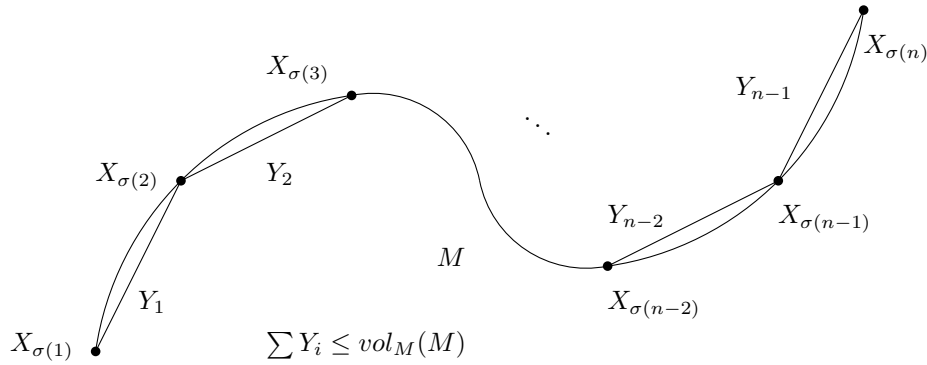


Figure 3.1: When the manifold is a curve, the length of the TSP path $\min_{\sigma \in S_n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m} \right\}$ in (3.3) is upper bounded by the length of the curve $vol_M(M)$.

in (3.3) is bounded by some positive threshold $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \{1, \tau_g^{d_1 - m}\}$. We take note that, when $d_1 = 1$, Lemma 7 is straightforward: the length of the TSP path in (3.3) is upper bounded by the length of curve $vol_M(M)$, as in Figure 3.1. This fact, combined with Lemma 3, which shows that $vol_M(M) \leq C_{K_I, m}^{(3)} \max \{1, \tau_g^{1-m}\}$, yields the result. In particular, the constant $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$ can be set as $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} = C_{K_I, m}^{(3)}$.

When $d_1 > 1$, Lemma 7 is proved using Lemma 3, 4 and 5, along with the Hölder continuity of a d_1 -dimensional space-filling curve [Steele, 1997, Buchin, 2008].

Lemma 7. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $d_1 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Let $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_p, K_v}^{d_1}$ and $X_1, \dots, X_n \in M$. Then

$$\min_{\sigma \in S_n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d_1 - m} \right\}, \quad (3.6)$$

where $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_v , and m .

Proof of Lemma 7. in Appendix B. □

Proposition 8 below is the main result of this subsection and follows directly from Lemma 6 and Lemma 7 above. Indeed, when the intrinsic dimension is d_2 , the risk of our estimator \widehat{d}_n , is of order $O\left(n^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1\right)n}\right)$ by Lemma 6 and the union bound. On the other hand, when the intrinsic dimension is d_1 , the risk of our estimator \widehat{d}_n is 0, because of Lemma 7.

Proposition 8. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$. Let \hat{d}_n be in (3.4). Then either for $d = d_1$ or $d = d_2$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\hat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\ & \leq 1(d = d_2) \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} m + m - 2d_2 \right) n} \right\} n^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right) n}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)} \in (0, \infty)$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_p , K_v , and m .

Proof of Proposition 8. in Appendix B. □

As described so far, the convergence analysis of our dimension estimator is probable. This is enough for our purpose, which is to quantify the statistical difficulties, in particular the minimax rate, of the dimension estimation problem. However, our \hat{d}_n in (3.4) is not completely data-driven but depends on the model parameters τ_g , K_I , and K_v . Hence the model on which our convergence analysis is valid depends on the model parameters. When it comes to applying our dimension estimator \hat{d}_n to real data, we need to estimate the constant $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$. Proofs of Lemma 6 and 7 suggest that overestimating $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$ by some constant factor doesn't deteriorate the convergence rate, so the constants $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$ and τ_g can be replaced by any consistent estimators. Still, we have the difficulty of tuning the constant $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$ and τ_g . Also, the constant $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$ is tuned to work for the worst case, so the practical performance of our dimension estimator is questionable.

3.2 Minimax Upper Bound

As noted at the beginning of Section 3, the maximum risk of our estimator \hat{d}_n in (3.1) serves as an upper bound on the minimax risk R_n in (2.6). Since we assume that the intrinsic dimension is either d_1 or d_2 , Proposition 8 yields that the maximum risk of our estimator \hat{d}_n is of order $O \left(n^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right) n} \right)$. This also serves as an upper bound of the minimax risk R_n , as in Proposition 9.

Proposition 9. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}_2} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\hat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\ & \leq \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} m + m - 2d_2 \right) n} \right\} n^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right) n}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)}$ is from Proposition 8 and

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1}, \quad \mathcal{P}_2 = \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}.$$

Proof of Proposition 9. in Appendix B. □

4 Lower Bound for Choosing Between Two Dimensions

The goal of this section is to derive a lower bound for the minimax rate R_n . As in Section 3, we fix $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ with $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$, and assume that the intrinsic dimension of data is either d_1 or d_2 as in (2.7). This assumption is relaxed in Section 5. All the proofs for this section are in Section C.

Our strategy is to find a subset $T \subset I^n \subset (\mathbb{R}^d)^n$ and two sets of distributions $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ and $\mathcal{P}_2^{d_2}$ with dimensions d_1 and d_2 , such that $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ and $\mathcal{P}_2^{d_2}$ satisfy the regularity conditions in Definition 2, and whenever the sample $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ lies on T , one cannot easily distinguish whether the underlying distribution is from $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ or $\mathcal{P}_2^{d_2}$.

After constructing T , $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ and $\mathcal{P}_2^{d_2}$, we derive the lower bound using the following result, known as Le Cam's lemma.

Lemma 10. (Le Cam's Lemma) *Let \mathcal{P} be a set of probability measures on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) , and $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2 \subset \mathcal{P}$ be such that for all $P \in \mathcal{P}_i$, $\theta(P) = \theta_i$ for $i = 1, 2$. For any $Q_i \in \text{co}(\mathcal{P}_i)$, where $\text{co}(\mathcal{P}_i)$ is the convex hull of \mathcal{P}_i , let q_i be the density of Q_i with respect to a measure ν . Then*

$$\inf_{\hat{\theta}} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_P[\ell(\hat{\theta}, \theta(P))] \geq \frac{\ell(\theta_1, \theta_2)}{2} \int [q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x)] d\nu(x). \quad (4.1)$$

Proof of Lemma 10. [See Yu, 1997, Chapter 29.2, Lemma 1]. □

In above Le Cam's lemma, considering the convex hull of distributions $\text{co}(\mathcal{P}_i)$ is critical for getting the nontrivial lower bound. Suppose we are using the basic version of Le Cam's lemma where the convex hull is not considered, i.e. $Q_i \in \mathcal{P}_i$. Then for two distributions Q_1 and Q_2 respectively from our d_1 and d_2 dimensional model $\mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1}$ and $\mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}$, Q_1 and Q_2 are singular to each other; i.e. $q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x) = 0$ for all x . Hence no matter which subset \mathcal{P}_1 and \mathcal{P}_2 we choose with $d(\mathcal{P}_1) = d_1$ and $d(\mathcal{P}_2) = d_2$, the lower bound in (4.1) will be always 0. This trivial bound can be improved by considering the convex hull of distributions $\text{co}(\mathcal{P}_i)$ in Le Cam's lemma.

Our construction for T , $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$, and $\mathcal{P}_2^{d_2}$ is based on mimicking a space-filling curve. Intuitively, this gives the lower bound since it is difficult to differentiate a space-filling curve

and a higher dimensional cube. In detail, we set

$$\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1} = \{\text{distributions supported on a space-filling-curve like } d_1\text{-dimensional manifold}\}, \quad (4.2)$$

and

$$\mathcal{P}_2^{d_2} = \{\text{uniform distributions on } [-K_I, K_I]^{d_2}\}. \quad (4.3)$$

To apply Le Cam's lemma, we construct a set $T \subset I^n$ so that, whenever $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \in T$, we cannot distinguish whether X is from $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ in (4.2) or $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_2}$ in (4.3). Then, for an appropriately chosen distribution Q_1 in the convex hull of $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ with density q_1 with respect to Lebesgue measure λ on the cube $[-K_I, K_I]^{d_2}$, and a density q_2 from the class $\mathcal{P}_2^{d_2}$, $\int_T [q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x)] d\lambda(x)$ is a lower bound on the minimax rate R_n in (2.6). Indeed, from Le Cam's Lemma 10, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{\hat{\theta}} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_P[\ell(\hat{\theta}, \theta(P))] &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int [q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x)] d\lambda(x) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_T [q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x)] d\lambda(x). \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

For constructing the class $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ in (4.2), it will be sufficient to consider the case $d_1 = 1$. In fact, Lemma 11 states that the regularity conditions in Definition 2 are still preserved when the manifold M is a Cartesian product with a cube $[-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}$, as in Figure 4.1. Hence for constructing a d -dimensional "space-filling" manifold, we first construct a 1-dimensional space-filling curve satisfying the required regularity conditions, and then we form a Cartesian product with a cube of dimension $d - 1$, which becomes a d -dimensional manifold satisfying the same regularity conditions by Lemma 11.

Lemma 11. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $d, \Delta d \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d + \Delta d \leq m$. Let $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$ be a d -dimensional manifold of global reach $\geq \tau_g$, local reach $\geq \tau_\ell$, which is embedded in $\mathbb{R}^{m - \Delta d}$. Then

$$M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d} \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^{d + \Delta d},$$

which is embedded in \mathbb{R}^m .

Proof of Lemma 11. in Appendix C. □

The precise construction of $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ in (4.2) and T is detailed in Lemma 12. As in Figure 4.2, we construct T_i 's that are cylinder sets aligned as a zigzag in $[-K_I, K_I]^{d_2}$, and then T is constructed as $T = S_n \prod_{i=1}^n T_i$, where the permutation group S_n acts on $\prod_{i=1}^n T_i$ as a coordinate change. Then, we show below that, for any $x \in \prod T_i$, there exists a manifold $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^{d_1}$ that passes through x_1, \dots, x_n . The class $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ in (4.2) is finally defined as the set of distributions that are supported on such a manifold.

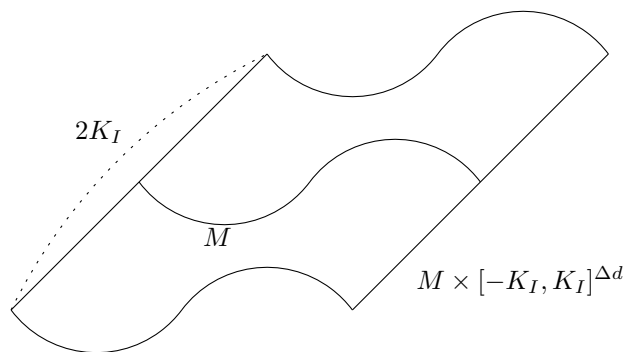


Figure 4.1: The regularity conditions in Definition 2 are still preserved under the Cartesian product with a cube $[-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}$. Detailed explanations are in Figure C.1.

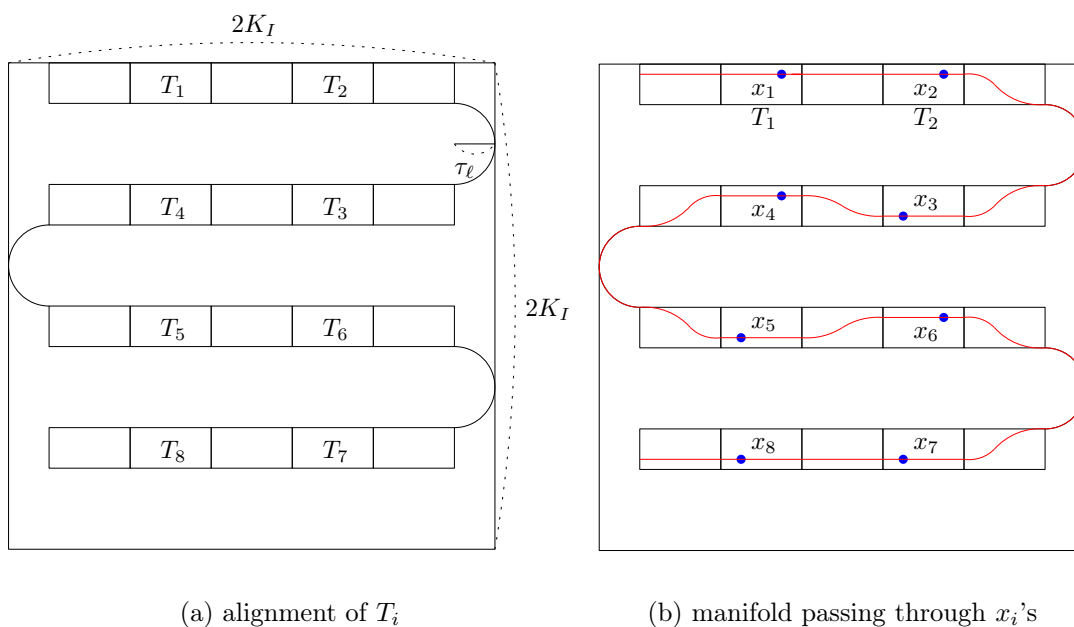


Figure 4.2: This figure illustrates the case where $d_1 = 1$ and $d_2 = 2$. (a) shows how T_i 's are aligned in a zigzag. (b) shows for given $x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_n \in T_n$ (represented as blue points), how a manifold with regularity conditions (represented as a red curve) passes through x_1, \dots, x_n . Detailed constructions in Figure C.2.

Lemma 12. Fix $\tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $1 \leq d_1 \leq d_2$, and suppose $\tau_\ell < K_I$. Then there exist $T_1, \dots, T_n \subset [-K_I, K_I]^{d_2}$ such that:

- (1) The T_i 's are distinct.
- (2) For each T_i , there exists an isometry Φ_i such that

$$T_i = \Phi_i \left([-K_I, K_I]^{d_1-1} \times [0, a] \times B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2-d_1}}(0, w) \right),$$

where $c = \left\lceil \frac{K_I + \tau_\ell}{2\tau_\ell} \right\rceil$, $a = \frac{K_I - \tau_\ell}{(d_2 - d_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \left\lceil \frac{n}{c^{d_2-d_1}} \right\rceil}$, and $w = \min \left\{ \tau_\ell, \frac{(d_2 - d_1)^2 (K_I - \tau_\ell)^2}{2\tau_\ell (d_2 - d_1 + \frac{1}{2})^2 \left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{c^{d_2-d_1}} \right\rceil + 1 \right)^2} \right\}$.

(3) There exists $\mathcal{M} : (B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2-d_1}}(0, w))^n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\tau_\ell, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_I}^{d_1}$ one-to-one such that for each $y_i \in B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2-d_1}}(0, w)$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, $\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n) \cap T_i = \Phi_i([-K_I, K_I]^{d_1-1} \times [0, a] \times \{y_i\})$. Hence for any $x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_n \in T_n$, $\mathcal{M}(\{\Pi_{(d_1+1):d_2}^{-1} \Phi_i^{-1}(x_i)\}_{1 \leq i \leq n})$ passes through x_1, \dots, x_n .

Proof of Lemma 12. in Appendix C. □

Next we show that whenever $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in T$, it is difficult to tell whether the data originated from $P \in \mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ or $P \in \mathcal{P}_2^{d_2}$. Let Q_1 be in the convex hull of $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ and let q_2 be the density function of the uniform distribution on $[-K_I, K_I]^{d_2}$, then from (4.4), we know that a lower bound is given by $\int_T [q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x)] d\lambda(x)$. Hence if we can choose Q_1 such that $q_1(x) \geq Cq_2(x)$ for every $x \in T$ with $C < 1$, then $q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x) \geq Cq_2(x)$, so that $C \int_T q_2(x)$ can serve as a lower bound of the minimax rate. Such existence of Q_1 and the inequality $q_1(x) \geq Cq_2(x)$ is shown in Claim 13.

Claim 13. Let $T = S_n \prod_{i=1}^n T_i$ where the T_i 's are from Lemma 12. Let Q_2 be the uniform distribution on $[-K_I, K_I]^{d_2}$, and let $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ be as in (4.2). Then there exists $Q_1 \in \text{co}(\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1})$ satisfying that for all $x \in \text{int}T$, there exists $r_x > 0$ such that for all $r < r_x$,

$$Q_1 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right) \geq 2^{-n} Q_2 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right).$$

Proof of Claim 13. in Appendix C. □

The following lower bound is then a consequence of Le Cam's lemma, Lemma 12, and the previous claim.

Proposition 14. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$, and suppose that $\tau_\ell < K_I$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\widehat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}}[\ell(\widehat{d}_n, d(P))] \\ & \geq \left(C_{d_1, d_2, K_I}^{(14)} \right)^n \min \left\{ \tau_\ell^{-2(d_2 - d_1 + 1)} n^{-2}, 1 \right\}^{(d_2 - d_1)n}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_{d_1, d_2, K_I}^{(14)} \in (0, \infty)$ is a constant depending only on d_1, d_2 , and K_I and

$$\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}.$$

Proof of Proposition 14. in Appendix C. □

5 Upper Bound and Lower Bound for the General Case

Now we generalize our results to allow the intrinsic dimension d to be any integer between 1 and m . Thus the model is $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{d=1}^m \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d$ as in (2.8). For the upper bound, we extend the dimension estimator \widehat{d}_n in (3.4) and compute its maximum risk. And for the lower bound, we simply use the lower bound derived in Section 4 with $d_1 = 1$ and $d_2 = 2$. All the proofs for this section are in Section D.

For the model \mathcal{P} in (2.8), our dimension estimator \widehat{d}_n estimates the dimension as the smallest integer $1 \leq d \leq m$ that the d -squared length of the TSP is below a certain threshold, i.e. (3.6) holds; that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{d}_n(X) & := \min \left\{ d \in [1, m] : \right. \\ & \left. \min_{\sigma \in S_n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^d \right\} \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d-m} \right\} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.1)$$

As a generalized result of Proposition 8, Proposition 15 gives an upper bound for the risk of our estimator \widehat{d}_n in (5.1). When the intrinsic dimension is d , our estimator \widehat{d}_n makes an error with probability of order $O\left(n^{-\frac{1}{d-1}n}\right)$.

Proposition 15. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Let \widehat{d}_n be in (5.1). Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\widehat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\ & \leq 1(d > 1) \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-(dm+m-2d)n} \right\} n^{-\frac{1}{d-1}n}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)} \in (0, \infty)$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_p , K_v , and m .

Proof of Proposition 15. in Appendix D. □

Then similarly to Section 3.2, the maximum risk of our estimator \hat{d}_n in (5.1) serves as an upper bound on the minimax risk R_n in (2.6). The maximum of the upper bound in Proposition 15 over d ranging from 1 to m should serve as the upper bound for the maximum risk, hence we get the upper bound of the minimax risk R_n in Proposition 16 as a generalized result of Proposition 9.

Proposition 16. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Then:

$$\inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell(\hat{d}_n, d(P)) \right] \leq \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-(m^2-m)n} \right\} n^{-\frac{1}{m-1}n},$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)}$ is from Proposition 15.

Proof of Proposition 16. in Appendix D. □

Proposition 17 provides a lower bound for the minimax rate R_n in (2.6), in multi-dimensions. It can be viewed of a generalization for the binary dimension case in Proposition 14.

Proposition 17. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$, and suppose that $\tau_\ell < K_I$. Then,

$$\inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} [\ell(\hat{d}_n, d(P))] \geq \left(C_{K_I}^{(17)} \right)^n \min \{ \tau_\ell^{-4} n^{-2}, 1 \}^n$$

where $C_{K_I}^{(17)} \in (0, \infty)$ is a constant depending only on K_I .

Proof of Proposition 17. in Appendix D. □

6 Conclusion

On a logarithmic scale, the leading terms of the lower and upper bounds for the minimax rate R_n in (2.6) have the form

$$-nc \log \tau$$

for some constant c , where τ is the global reach for the upper bound and the local reach for the lower bound. This shows that the difficulty of the problem of estimating the dimension goes to 0 rapidly with sample size, in a way that depends on the curvature of the manifold.

There are several open problems. The first is to tighten the bounds so that the upper and lower bounds match. Second, it should be possible to extend the analysis to allow noise. With enough noise, the minimax rate should eventually become the same as the rate in [Koltchinskii, 2000]. Finally, it would be interesting to get very precise bounds on the many dimension estimators that appear in the literature and compare these bounds to the minimax bounds.

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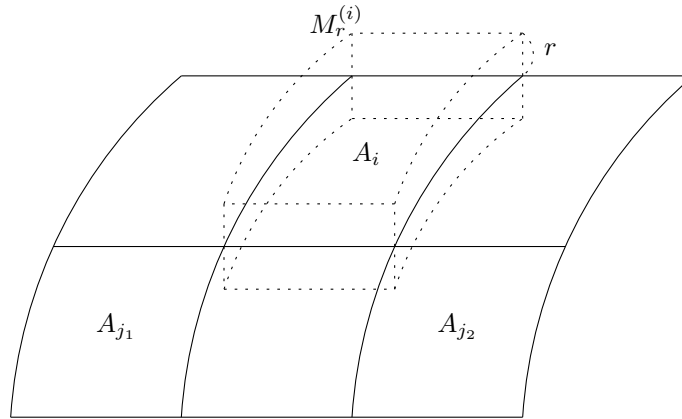


Figure A.1: $\{A_1, \dots, A_l\}$ is a disjoint cover of M , and each A_i is a projection of $M_r^{(i)}$ on M .

A Proofs for Section 2

Lemma 3. Fix $\tau_g \in (0, \infty]$, and let M be a d -dimensional manifold with global reach $\geq \tau_g$. For $r \in (0, \tau_g)$, let $M_r := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m : \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, M) < r\}$ be an r -neighborhood of M in \mathbb{R}^m . Then, the volume of M is upper bounded as

$$\text{vol}_M(M) \leq \frac{m!}{d!} r^{d-m} \text{vol}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(M_r). \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Further, fix $\tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$, and suppose $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$. Then the volume of M is upper bounded as

$$\text{vol}_M(M) \leq C_{K_I, m}^{(3)} \max\{1, \tau_g^{d-m}\}, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where $C_{K_I, m}^{(3)}$ is a constant depending only on K_I and m .

Proof of Lemma 3. Suppose $\{A_1, \dots, A_l\}$ is a disjoint cover of M , i.e. measurable subsets of M such that $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$, $\bigcup_{i=1}^l A_i = M$, and each A_i is equipped with a chart map $\varphi^{(i)} : U_i \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow A_i$. Such a triangulation is always possible. For each A_i , define $M_r^{(i)} := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m : \pi_M(x) \in A_i, \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m, \|\cdot\|_1}(x, M) \leq r\}$ so that each A_i is a projection of $M_r^{(i)}$ on M , as in Figure A.1. Since $\|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $\bigcup_{i=1}^m M_r^{(i)} \subset M_r$ holds, and hence

$$\sum_{i=1}^l \text{vol}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(M_r^{(i)}) \leq \text{vol}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(M_r). \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Fix $i \in \{1, \dots, l\}$. Then for each $u \in U_i$, there exists a linear isometry $R^{(i)}(u) : \mathbb{R}^{m-d} \rightarrow (T_{\varphi^{(i)}(u)}M)^\perp$, which can be identified as an $m \times (m-d)$ matrix with j^{th} column being $R^{(i,j)}(u)$, so that $M_r^{(i)}$ can be parametrized as $\psi^{(i)} : U_i \times B_{\mathbb{R}^{m-d}, \|\cdot\|_1}(0, r) \rightarrow M_r^{(i)}$ with

$$\psi^{(i)}(u, t) = \varphi^{(i)}(u) + R^{(i)}(u)t = \varphi^{(i)}(u) + \sum_{j=1}^{m-d} t_j R^{(i,j)}(u). \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Then, because $R^{(i)}$ is an isometry,

$$R^{(i)}(u)^\top R^{(i)}(u) = I_{m-d}. \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Let $\psi_u^{(i)} = \frac{\partial \psi^{(i)}}{\partial u} = \left(\frac{\partial \psi^{(i)}}{\partial u_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \psi^{(i)}}{\partial u_d} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ be the partial derivative of $\psi^{(i)}$ with respect to u and let $\psi_t^{(i)} = \frac{\partial \psi^{(i)}}{\partial t}$ be the partial derivative of $\psi^{(i)}$ with respect to t . Define $\varphi_u^{(i)}$ and $R_u^{(i,j)}$ similarly. Then, since $R^{(i)}$ is an isometry, $\text{image}(R^{(i)}(u)) = (T_{\varphi^{(i)}(u)}M)^\perp$ holds, and hence

$$R^{(i)}(u)^\top \varphi_u^{(i)}(u) = 0. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

Also by differentiating (A.5), for all j ,

$$R_u^{(i,j)}(u)^\top R^{(i)}(u) = 0. \quad (\text{A.7})$$

Also by differentiating (A.4), we get

$$\psi_u^{(i)}(u, t) = \varphi_u^{(i)}(u) + \sum_{j=1}^{m-d} t_j R_u^{(i,j)}(u), \quad (\text{A.8})$$

and

$$\psi_t^{(i)}(u, t) = R^{(i)}(u). \quad (\text{A.9})$$

Hence by multiplying (A.8) and (A.9), and by applying (A.5), (A.6), and (A.7), we get

$$\psi_t^{(i)}(u, t)^\top \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t) = R^{(i)}(u)^\top \varphi_u^{(i)}(u) + R^{(i)}(u)^\top R_u^{(i)}(u)t = 0, \quad (\text{A.10})$$

and

$$\psi_t^{(i)}(u, t)^\top \psi_t^{(i)}(u, t) = R^{(i)}(u)^\top R^{(i)}(u) = I_{m-d}. \quad (\text{A.11})$$

Now let's consider $\psi_u^{(i)}(u, t)^\top \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t)$. From (A.7) and $\text{image}(R^{(i)}(u)) = (T_{\varphi^{(i)}(u)}M)^\perp$, column space generated by $R_u^{(i,j)}(u)$ is contained in $T_{\varphi^{(i)}(u)}M$, i.e.

$$\langle R_u^{(i,j)}(u) \rangle \subset T_{\varphi^{(i)}(u)}(M) = \text{span}(\varphi_u^{(i)}(u)).$$

Therefore, there exists $\Lambda^{(i,j)}(u) : d \times d$ matrix such that

$$R_u^{(i,j)}(u) = \varphi_u^{(i)}(u) \Lambda^{(i,j)}(u).$$

Then by applying this to (A.8),

$$\psi_u^{(i)}(u, t) = \varphi_u^{(i)}(u) \left(I + \sum_{j=1}^{m-d} t_j \Lambda^{(i,j)}(u) \right). \quad (\text{A.12})$$

Now M being of global reach $\geq \tau_g$ implies $\psi_u^{(i)}(u, t)$ is of full rank for all $t \in B_{\mathbb{R}^{m-d}, \|\cdot\|_1}(0, \tau_g)$. From (A.12), this implies $I + \sum_{j=1}^{m-d} t_j \Lambda^{(i,j)}(u)$ is invertible for all $t \in B_{\mathbb{R}^{m-d}, \|\cdot\|_1}(0, \tau_g)$, and this implies all singular values of $\Lambda^{(i,j)}(u)$ are bounded by $\frac{1}{\tau_g}$. Hence for all $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\left| v^\top \Lambda^{(i,j)}(u) v \right| \leq \frac{\|v\|_2^2}{\tau_g},$$

and accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| v^\top \left(I + \sum_{j=1}^{m-d} t_j \Lambda^{(i,j)}(u) \right) v \right| &\geq \|v\|_2^2 - \sum_{j=1}^{m-d} |t_j| \left| v^\top \Lambda^{(i,j)}(u) v \right| \\ &\geq \left(1 - \frac{\|t\|_1}{\tau_g} \right) \|v\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence any singular value σ of $I + \sum_{j=1}^{m-d} t_j \Lambda^{(i,j)}(u)$ satisfies $|\sigma| \geq 1 - \frac{\|t\|_1}{\tau_g}$. And since $\|t\|_1 \leq \tau_g$,

$$\left| I + \sum_{j=1}^{m-d} t_j \Lambda^{(i,j)}(u) \right| \geq \left(1 - \frac{\|t\|_1}{\tau_g} \right)^d.$$

By applying this result to (A.12), the determinant of $\psi_u^{(i)}(u, t)^\top \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t)$ is lower bounded as

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t)^\top \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t) \right| &= \left| I + \sum_{j=1}^{m-d} t_j \Lambda^{(i,j)}(u) \right|^2 \left| \varphi_u^{(i)}(u)^\top \varphi_u^{(i)}(u) \right| \\ &\geq \left(1 - \frac{\|t\|_1}{\tau_g} \right)^{2d} \left| \varphi_u^{(i)}(u)^\top \varphi_u^{(i)}(u) \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.13})$$

Now, let $g_{ij}^{(M_r)}$ be the Riemannian metric tensor of M_r , and $g_{ij}^{(M)}$ be the Riemannian metric tensor of M . Then from (A.10), (A.11), and (A.13), the determinant of Riemannian metric tensor $g_{ij}^{(M_r)}$ is lower bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
|\det(g_{ij}^{(M_r)})| &= \left| \begin{pmatrix} \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t) & \psi_t^{(i)}(u, t) \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t) & \psi_t^{(i)}(u, t) \end{pmatrix} \right| \\
&= \left| \begin{array}{cc} \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t)^\top \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t) & \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t)^\top \psi_t^{(i)}(u, t) \\ \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t)^\top \psi_t^{(i)}(u, t) & \psi_t^{(i)}(u, t)^\top \psi_t^{(i)}(u, t) \end{array} \right| \\
&= \left| \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t)^\top \psi_u^{(i)}(u, t) \right| \\
&\geq \left(1 - \frac{\|t\|_1}{\tau_g}\right)^{2d} \left| \varphi_u^{(i)}(u)^\top \varphi_u^{(i)}(u) \right| \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{\|t\|_1}{\tau_g}\right)^{2d} |\det(g_{ij}^{(M)})|.
\end{aligned}$$

And from this, the volume of $M_r^{(i)}$ is lower bounded as

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{vol}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(M_r^{(i)}) &= \int_{U_i \times B_{\mathbb{R}^m, \|\cdot\|_1}(0, r)} \sqrt{|\det(g_{ij}^{(M_r)})|} du dt \\
&\geq \int_{U_i} \int_{B_{\mathbb{R}^m, \|\cdot\|_1}(0, r)} (1 - \|t\|_1 \kappa_g)^d \sqrt{|\det(g_{ij}^{(M)})|} dt du \\
&= \text{vol}(U_i) \int_0^r \int_{t_1 + \dots + t_{m-d-1} \leq s} \left(1 - \frac{s}{\tau_g}\right)^d dt_1 \cdots dt_{m-d-1} ds \\
&= \frac{1}{(m-d-1)!} \text{vol}(U_i) \int_0^r s^{m-d-1} \left(1 - \frac{s}{\tau_g}\right)^d ds \\
&= \frac{1}{(m-d-1)!} r^{m-d} \text{vol}(U_i) \int_0^1 u^{m-d-1} \left(1 - \frac{r}{\tau_g} u\right)^d du \\
&\geq \frac{1}{(m-d-1)!} r^{m-d} \text{vol}(U_i) \int_0^1 u^{m-d-1} (1-u)^d du \\
&= \frac{d!}{m!} r^{m-d} \text{vol}(U_i). \tag{A.14}
\end{aligned}$$

By applying (A.14) to (A.3), we can lower bound the volume of M_r as

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{vol}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(M_r) &\geq \frac{d!}{m!} r^{m-d} \sum_{i=1}^l \text{vol}(U_i) \\
&= \frac{d!}{m!} r^{m-d} \text{vol}_M(M),
\end{aligned}$$

hence rewriting this gives (A.1) as

$$\text{vol}_M(M) \leq \frac{m!}{d!} r^{d-m} \text{vol}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(M_r). \quad (\text{A.15})$$

Now, suppose $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$. With $r = \min\{\tau_g, K_I\}$, M_r is contained in $\min\{\tau_g, K_I\}$ -neighborhood of I , hence

$$\text{vol}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(M_r) \leq 2^m (K_I + \min\{\tau_g, K_I\})^m \leq 2^{2m} K_I^m. \quad (\text{A.16})$$

By combining (A.15) and (A.16), we get the desired upper bound of $\text{vol}_M(M)$ in (A.2) as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol}_M(M) &\leq \frac{m!}{d!} r^{d-m} \text{vol}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(M_r) \\ &\leq \frac{m!}{d!} 2^{2m} K_I^m \min\{\tau_g, K_I\}^{d-m} \\ &\leq C_{K_I, m}^{(3)} \max\left\{1, \tau_g^{d-m}\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_{K_I, m}^{(3)} := m! 2^{2m} K_I^m$ is a constant depending only on K_I and m .

□

Lemma 4. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Let $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$ and $r \in (0, 2\sqrt{3}\tau_g]$. Then M can be covered by N radius r balls $B_M(p_1, r), \dots, B_M(p_N, r)$, with

$$N \leq \left\lceil \frac{2^d \text{vol}(M)}{K_v r^d \omega_d} \right\rceil. \quad (\text{A.17})$$

Proof of Lemma 4. We follow the strategy in [Ma and Fu, 2011, 4.3.1. Lemma 3].

Consider a maximal family of disjoint balls $\{B_M(p_1, \frac{r}{2}), \dots, B_M(p_N, \frac{r}{2})\}$, i.e. $B_M(p_i, \frac{r}{2}) \cap B_M(p_j, \frac{r}{2}) = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$ and for all $q \in M$, there exists $i \in [1, N]$ such that $B_M(q, \frac{r}{2}) \cap B_M(p_i, \frac{r}{2}) \neq \emptyset$. Then $\|q - p_i\|_2 < r$ holds, so $\{B_M(p_1, r), \dots, B_M(p_N, r)\}$ covers M . Now, note that $B_M(p_i, \frac{r}{2})$'s are disjoint, and hence

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \text{vol}(B_M(p_i, \frac{r}{2})) \leq \text{vol}(M). \quad (\text{A.18})$$

Then since $\frac{r}{2} \leq \sqrt{3}\tau_g$, the condition (4) in Definition 2 implies $\text{vol}(B_M(p_i, \frac{r}{2})) \geq K_v 2^{-d} r^d \omega_d$ for all i , hence applying this to (A.18) yields

$$N \leq \frac{2^d \text{vol}(M)}{K_v r^d \omega_d},$$

hence M can be covered by N radius r balls with N satisfying (A.17). □

Lemma 18. (*Toponogov comparison theorem, 1959*) Let (M, g) be a complete Riemannian manifold with sectional curvature $\geq \kappa$, and let S_κ be a surface of constant Gaussian curvature κ . Given any geodesic triangle with vertices $p, q, r \in M$ forming an angle α at q , consider a (comparison) triangle with vertices $\bar{p}, \bar{q}, \bar{r} \in S_\kappa$ such that $\text{dist}_{S_\kappa}(\bar{p}, \bar{q}) = \text{dist}_M(p, q)$, $\text{dist}_{S_\kappa}(\bar{r}, \bar{q}) = \text{dist}_M(r, q)$, and $\angle \bar{p}\bar{q}\bar{r} = \angle pqr$. Then

$$\text{dist}_M(\bar{p}, \bar{r}) \leq \text{dist}_{S_\kappa}(p, r).$$

Proof of Lemma 18. [See Petersen, 2006, Theorem 79, p.339]. Note that for a manifold with boundary, the complete Riemannian manifold condition can be relaxed to requiring the existence of a geodesic path joining p and q whose image lies on $\text{int}M$. \square

Lemma 19. (*Hyperbolic law of cosines*) Let $H_{-\kappa^2}$ be a hyperbolic plane whose Gaussian curvature is $-\kappa^2$. Then given a hyperbolic triangle ABC with angles α, β, γ , and side lengths $BC = a, CA = b$, and $AB = c$, the following holds:

$$\cosh(\kappa a) = \cosh(\kappa b) \cosh(\kappa c) - \sinh(\kappa b) \sinh(\kappa c) \cos \alpha.$$

Proof of Lemma 19. [See Bridson and Häfliger, 1999, 2.13 The Law of Cosines in M_κ^n , p.24]. \square

Claim 20. Let $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ and $a, b \in [0, \infty)$. Then

$$\frac{\cosh^{-1}((1-\lambda)\cosh a + \lambda\cosh b)}{\sqrt{(1-\lambda)a^2 + \lambda b^2}} \leq \frac{\sinh(\max\{a, b\}/2)}{\max\{a, b\}/2}. \quad (\text{A.19})$$

Proof of Claim 20. Without loss of generality, assume $a \leq b$. Consider two functions $F, G : [0, \infty)^2 \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as $F(a, b, \lambda) = f^{-1}((1-\lambda)f(a) + \lambda f(b))$ and $G(a, b, \lambda) = g^{-1}((1-\lambda)g(a) + \lambda g(b))$, for $0 \leq a \leq b, \lambda \in [0, 1], f(t) = \cosh t$, and $g(t) = t^2$. Applying Toponogov comparison theorem in Lemma 18 to (A.25) in the proof of Lemma 5 with $r_1 = \frac{a+b}{2}, r_2 = \frac{b-a}{2}, \alpha = \arccos(\sqrt{\lambda}) \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ implies

$$F(a, b, \lambda) \geq G(a, b, \lambda),$$

and f and g being strictly increasing function implies $a \leq G(a, b, \lambda) \leq F(a, b, \lambda) \leq b$. Also differentiating the log fraction $\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log \frac{F(a, b, \lambda)}{G(a, b, \lambda)}$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log \frac{F(a, b, \lambda)}{G(a, b, \lambda)} &= \frac{(1-\lambda)f'(a)}{f'(F(a, b, \lambda))F(a, b, \lambda)} - \frac{(1-\lambda)g'(a)}{g'(G(a, b, \lambda))G(a, b, \lambda)} \\ &= \frac{1-\lambda}{F(a, b, \lambda)} \exp\left(-\int_a^{F(a, b, \lambda)} (\log f')'(t) dt\right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1-\lambda}{G(a, b, \lambda)} \exp\left(-\int_a^{G(a, b, \lambda)} (\log g')'(t) dt\right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.20})$$

Then applying $(\log f')'(t) = \coth t > \frac{1}{t} = (\log g')'(t)$ for $t > 0$ and $F(a, b, \lambda) \geq G(a, b, \lambda)$ to (A.20) implies

$$0 < \forall a < b, \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log \frac{F(a, b, \lambda)}{G(a, b, \lambda)} < 0,$$

and hence

$$\frac{F(a, b, \lambda)}{G(a, b, \lambda)} \leq \frac{F(0, b, \lambda)}{G(0, b, \lambda)}.$$

By expanding F and G from this, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cosh^{-1}((1-\lambda)\cosh a + \lambda\cosh b)}{\sqrt{(1-\lambda)a^2 + \lambda b^2}} &\leq \frac{\cosh^{-1}(\lambda\cosh b + (1-\lambda))}{\sqrt{\lambda b^2}} \\ &= \frac{\cosh^{-1}(1 + 2\lambda \sinh^2(\frac{b}{2}))}{b\sqrt{\lambda}} \\ &\leq \frac{2 \sinh(\frac{b}{2})}{b}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last line is coming from $1+x \leq \cosh \sqrt{2x} \implies \cosh^{-1}(1+x) \leq \sqrt{2x}$ for all $x \geq 0$. Hence we get (A.19). □

Lemma 5. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Let $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$ and let $\exp_{p_k} : \mathcal{E}_k \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow M$ be an exponential map, where \mathcal{E}_k is the domain of the exponential map \exp_{p_k} and $T_{p_k}M$ is identified with \mathbb{R}^d . For all $v, w \in \mathcal{E}_k$, let $R_k := \max\{\|v\|, \|w\|\}$. Then

$$\|\exp_{p_k}(v) - \exp_{p_k}(w)\|_{\mathbb{R}^m} \leq \frac{\sinh(\sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell)}{\sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell} \|v - w\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}. \quad (\text{A.21})$$

Proof of Lemma 5. Let $q_1 = \exp_{p_k}(v)$ and $q_2 = \exp_{p_k}(w)$. Let $r_1 := \frac{\sqrt{2}\|v\|}{\tau_\ell}$ and $r_2 := \frac{\sqrt{2}\|w\|}{\tau_\ell}$, so that $\text{dist}_M(p_k, q_1) = \frac{\tau_\ell}{\sqrt{2}}r_1$ and $\text{dist}_M(p_k, q_2) = \frac{\tau_\ell}{\sqrt{2}}r_2$, and let $\alpha := \frac{1}{2}\angle q_1 p_k q_2 \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ so that $\angle q_1 p_k q_2 = 2\alpha$, as in Figure A.2(a). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|v - w\|_{\mathbb{R}^d} &= \frac{\tau_\ell}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos 2\alpha} \\ &= \frac{\tau_\ell}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{(r_1 + r_2)^2 \sin^2 \alpha + (r_1 - r_2)^2 \cos^2 \alpha}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.22})$$

Let $\kappa_\ell := \frac{1}{\tau_\ell}$, $H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}$ be a surface of constant sectional curvature $-2\kappa_\ell^2$, and let $\bar{p}_k, \bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2 \in H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}$ be such that $\text{dist}_{H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}}(\bar{p}_k, \bar{q}_1) = \text{dist}_M(p_k, q_1)$, $\text{dist}_{H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}}(\bar{p}_k, \bar{q}_2) = \text{dist}_M(p_k, q_2)$,

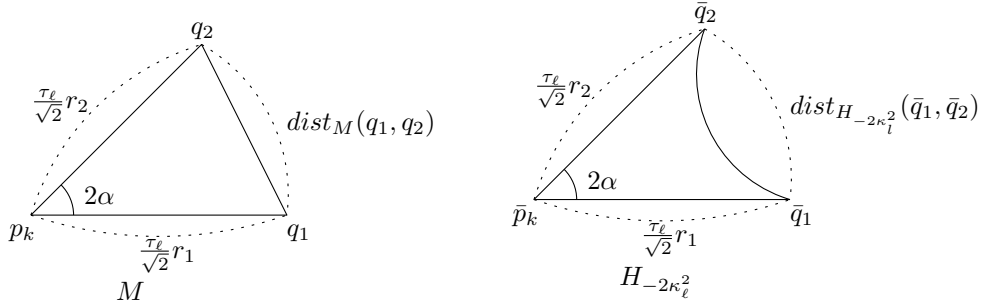
(a) triangle $\Delta p_k q_1 q_2$ in M (b) comparison triangle $\Delta \bar{p}_k \bar{q}_1 \bar{q}_2$ in $H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}$

Figure A.2: (a) A triangle $\Delta p_k q_1 q_2$ in M formed by p_k , q_1 , q_2 , and (b) its comparison triangle $\Delta \bar{p}_k \bar{q}_1 \bar{q}_2$ in $H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}$.

and $\angle \bar{q}_1 \bar{p}_k \bar{q}_2 = \angle q_1 p_k q_2$, so that $\Delta \bar{p}_k \bar{q}_1 \bar{q}_2$ becomes a comparison triangle of $p_k q_1 q_2$, as in Figure A.2(b). Then since (sectional curvature of M) $\geq -2\kappa_\ell^2$ by [Aamari et al., 2017, Proposition A.1 (iii)], from the Toponogov comparison theorem in Lemma 18,

$$\text{dist}_M(q_1, q_2) \leq \text{dist}_{H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}}(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2). \quad (\text{A.23})$$

Also, by applying the hyperbolic law of cosines in Lemma 19 to the comparison triangle $\Delta \bar{p}_k \bar{q}_1 \bar{q}_2$ in Figure A.2(a),

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\tau_\ell} \text{dist}_{H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}}(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2)\right) &= \cosh r_1 \cosh r_2 - \sinh r_1 \sinh r_2 \cos 2\alpha \\ &= (\sin^2 \alpha) \cosh(r_1 + r_2) + (\cos^2 \alpha) \cosh(r_1 - r_2). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.24})$$

From (A.22) and (A.24), we can expand the fraction of the distances $\frac{\text{dist}_{H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}}(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2)}{\|v-w\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}}$ as

$$\frac{\text{dist}_{H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}}(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2)}{\|v-w\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}} = \frac{\cosh^{-1}(\sin^2 \alpha \cosh(r_1 + r_2) + \cos^2 \alpha \cosh(r_1 - r_2))}{\sqrt{(\sin^2 \alpha)(r_1 + r_2)^2 + (\cos^2 \alpha)(r_1 - r_2)^2}}. \quad (\text{A.25})$$

Then we can upper bound the fraction of the distances $\frac{\text{dist}_{H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}}(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2)}{\|v-w\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}}$ by plugging in $a = |r_1 - r_2|$, $b = r_1 + r_2$, $\lambda = \sin^2 \alpha$ to Claim 20 as

$$\frac{\cosh^{-1}(\sin^2 \alpha \cosh(r_1 + r_2) + \cos^2 \alpha \cosh(r_1 - r_2))}{\sqrt{(\sin^2 \alpha)(r_1 + r_2)^2 + (\cos^2 \alpha)(r_1 - r_2)^2}} \leq \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{r_1 + r_2}{2}\right)}{(r_1 + r_2)/2}. \quad (\text{A.26})$$

Then since $t \mapsto \frac{\sinh t}{t}$ is an increasing function of t and $\frac{r_1+r_2}{2} \leq \sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell$, so

$$\frac{\sinh\left(\frac{r_1+r_2}{2}\right)}{(r_1+r_2)/2} \leq \frac{\sinh(\sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell)}{\sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell}. \quad (\text{A.27})$$

Combining (A.25), (A.26), and (A.27), we have an upper bound of the fraction of the distances $\frac{\text{dist}_{H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}}(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2)}{\|v-w\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}}$ as

$$\frac{\text{dist}_{H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}}(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2)}{\|v-w\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}} \leq \frac{\sinh(\sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell)}{\sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell}. \quad (\text{A.28})$$

And finally, combining (A.23) and (A.28), we get the desired upper bound of $\|\exp_{p_k}(v) - \exp_{p_k}(w)\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}$ in (A.21) as

$$\begin{aligned} \|\exp_{p_k}(v) - \exp_{p_k}(w)\|_{\mathbb{R}^m} &\leq \text{dist}_M(q_1, q_2) \\ &\leq \text{dist}_{H_{-2\kappa_\ell^2}}(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2) \\ &\leq \frac{\sinh(\sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell)}{\sqrt{2}R_k/\tau_\ell} \|v-w\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}. \end{aligned}$$

□

B Proofs for Section 3

Claim 21. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$. Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}$. Then for all $y \in [0, \infty)$,

$$P^{(n)}\left(\|X_n - X_{n-1}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \leq y \mid X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}\right) \leq C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(21)} \left\{1, \tau_g^{d_2-m}\right\} y^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}}, \quad (\text{B.1})$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(21)}$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_p , and m .

Proof of Claim 21. Let p_{X_n} be the pdf of X_n . Then the conditional cdf of $\|X_n - X_{n-1}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$ given X_1, \dots, X_{n-1} is upper bounded by the volume of a ball in the manifold M as

$$\begin{aligned} &P^{(n)}\left(\|X_n - X_{n-1}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \leq y \mid X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}\right) \\ &= P^{(n)}\left(X_n \in B_{\mathbb{R}^m}\left(X_{n-1}, y^{\frac{1}{d_1}}\right) \mid X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}\right) \\ &= \int_{M \cap \left(B_{\mathbb{R}^m}\left(X_{n-1}, y^{\frac{1}{d_1}}\right)\right)} p_{X_n}(x_n) \, d\text{vol}_M(x_n) \\ &\leq K_p \text{vol}_M\left(M \cap B\left(X_{n-1}, y^{\frac{1}{d_1}}\right)\right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

where the last inequality is coming from the condition (6) in Definition 2. And by applying Lemma 3, $\text{vol}_M \left(M \cap B \left(X_{n-1}, y^{\frac{1}{d_1}} \right) \right)$ can be further bounded as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{vol}_M \left(M \cap B \left(X_{n-1}, y^{\frac{1}{d_1}} \right) \right) \\
& \leq \frac{m!}{d_2!} \min \left\{ y^{\frac{1}{d_1}}, \tau_g \right\}^{d_2-m} \text{vol}_{\mathbb{R}^m} \left(B \left(X_{n-1}, y^{\frac{1}{d_1}} + \min \left\{ y^{\frac{1}{d_1}}, \tau_g \right\} \right) \right) \quad (\text{Lemma 3}) \\
& = \frac{m!}{d_2!} \omega_m \left(y^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}} 2^m 1(y^{\frac{1}{d_1}} \leq \tau_g) + y^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}} \left(\frac{\tau_g}{y^{\frac{1}{d_1}}} \right)^{d_2-m} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\tau_g}{y^{\frac{1}{d_1}}} \right) \right)^m 1(y^{\frac{1}{d_1}} > \tau_g) \right) \\
& \leq \frac{m!}{d_2!} \omega_m 2^m \left(y^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}} 1(y^{\frac{1}{d_1}} \leq \tau_g) + y^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}} \left(\frac{\tau_g}{(2K_I \sqrt{m})^{\frac{1}{d_1}}} \right)^{d_2-m} 1(y^{\frac{1}{d_1}} > \tau_g) \right) \\
& \leq C_{K_I, m}^{(21,1)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d_2-m} \right\} y^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}}, \tag{B.3}
\end{aligned}$$

where $C_{K_I, m}^{(21,1)} = m! \omega_m 2^m (2K_I \sqrt{m})^m$. By applying (B.2) and (B.3), we get the upper bound on the conditional cdf of $\|X_n - X_{n-1}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$ given X_1, \dots, X_{n-1} in (B.1) as

$$\begin{aligned}
P^{(n)} \left(\|X_n - X_{n-1}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \leq y \mid X_1, \dots, X_{n-1} \right) & \leq K_p C_{K_I, m}^{(21,1)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d_2-m} \right\} y^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}} \\
& \leq C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(21)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d_2-m} \right\} y^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}}, \tag{B.4}
\end{aligned}$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(21)} = K_p C_{K_I, m}^{(21,1)} = m! K_p \omega_m 2^m (2K_I \sqrt{m})^m$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_p , and m . □

Lemma 6. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$. Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}$. Then for all $L > 0$,

$$P^{(n)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{i+1} - X_i\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \leq L \right] \leq \frac{\left(C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)} \right)^{n-1} L^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}(n-1)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{(d_2-m)(n-1)} \right\}}{(n-1) \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right)^{(n-1)} (n-1)!}, \tag{B.5}$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)}$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_p , and m .

Proof of Lemma 6. Let $Y_i := \|X_{i+1} - X_i\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$, $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, and let $P_{\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} Y_i}^{(n)}$ be the

cumulative distribution function of $\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} Y_i$. Then from Claim 21, probability of the d_1 -squared length of the path being bounded by L , $P^{(n)}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} Y_i \leq L\right)$, is upper bounded as

$$\begin{aligned}
& P^{(n)}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} Y_i \leq L\right) \\
&= \int_0^L P^{(n)}\left(Y_{n-1} \leq y_{n-1} \mid \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} Y_i = L - y_{n-1}\right) dP_{\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} Y_i}^{(n)}(L - y_{n-1}) \\
&\leq C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(21)} \max\{1, \tau_g^{d_2-m}\} \int_0^L y_{n-1}^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}} dP_{\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} Y_i}^{(n)}(L - y_{n-1}) \text{ (Claim 21)} \\
&= C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(21)} \max\{1, \tau_g^{d_2-m}\} \\
&\quad \times \left(\left[-y_{n-1}^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}} P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} Y_i \leq L - y_{n-1}\right) \right]_0^L + \int_0^L P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} Y_i \leq L - y_{n-1}\right) d\left(y_{n-1}^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}}\right) \right) \\
&= C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(21)} \max\{1, \tau_g^{d_2-m}\} \int_0^L P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} Y_i \leq L - y_{n-1}\right) \frac{d_2}{d_1} y_{n-1}^{\frac{d_2-d_1}{d_1}} dy_{n-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

By repeating this argument, we get an upper bound of $P^{(n)}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} Y_i \leq L\right)$ as

$$P^{(n)}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} Y_i \leq L\right) \leq \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(21)} \max\{1, \tau_g^{d_2-m}\}\right)^{n-1} \int_{\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} y_i \leq L} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} y_i^{\frac{d_2-d_1}{d_1}} dy.$$

Hence we get a further upper bound of $P^{(n)}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{i+1} - X_i\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \leq L\right)$ in (B.5) with ap-

plying the AM-GM inequality as

$$\begin{aligned}
& P^{(n)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{i+1} - X_i\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \leq L \right) \\
& \leq \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(21)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d_2-m} \right\} \right)^{n-1} \int_{\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} y_i \leq L} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} y_i^{\frac{d_2-d_1}{d_1}} dy \\
& \leq \left(C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)} \right)^{n-1} L^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}(n-1)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{(d_2-m)(n-1)} \right\} \\
& \quad \times \int_{\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} y_i \leq 1} \left(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} y_i \right)^{\frac{(d_2-d_1)(n-1)}{d_1}} dy_{n-1} \cdots dy_1 \quad (\text{by AM-GM inequality}) \\
& = \frac{\left(C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)} \right)^{n-1} L^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}(n-1)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{(d_2-m)(n-1)} \right\}}{(n-1) \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right)^{(n-1)}} \\
& \quad \times \int_0^1 \int_{\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} y_i \leq z} z^{\frac{(d_2-d_1)(n-1)}{d_1}} dy_{n-2} \cdots dy_1 dz \\
& = \frac{\left(C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)} \right)^{n-1} L^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}(n-1)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{(d_2-m)(n-1)} \right\}}{(n-1) \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right)^{(n-1)} (n-2)!} \int_0^1 z^{\frac{d_2(n-1)}{d_1} - 1} dz \\
& \leq \frac{\left(C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)} \right)^{n-1} L^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}(n-1)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{(d_2-m)(n-1)} \right\}}{(n-1) \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right)^{(n-1)} (n-1)!},
\end{aligned}$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)} = m C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(21)}$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_p , and m . □

Lemma 22. (Space-filling curve) *There exists a surjective map $\psi_d : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]^d$ which is Hölder continuous of order $1/d$, i.e.*

$$0 \leq \forall s, t \leq 1, \quad \|\psi_d(s) - \psi_d(t)\|_{\mathbb{R}^d} \leq 2\sqrt{d+3}|s-t|^{1/d}. \quad (\text{B.6})$$

Such a map is called a space-filling curve.

Proof of Lemma 22. [See Buchin, 2008, Chapter 2.1.6]. □

Lemma 7. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $d_1 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Let

$M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_p, K_v}^{d_1}$ and $X_1, \dots, X_n \in M$. Then

$$\min_{\sigma \in S_n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d_1 - m} \right\}, \quad (\text{B.7})$$

where $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_v , and m .

Proof of Lemma 7. When $d_1 = 1$, the length of TSP path is bounded by the length of the curve $\text{vol}_M(M)$ as in Figure 3.1, and Lemma 3 implies $\text{vol}_M(M) \leq C_{K_I, m}^{(3)} \max \{1, \tau_g^{1-m}\}$, hence $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$ can be set as $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} = C_{K_I, m}^{(3)}$, as described before.

Consider $d_1 > 1$, and let $r := 2\sqrt{3}\tau_g$. By scaling the space-filling curve in Lemma 22, there exists a surjective map $\psi_{d_1} : [0, 1] \rightarrow [-r, r]^{d_1}$ and $\psi_m : [0, 1] \rightarrow [-K_I, K_I]^m$ that satisfies

$$0 \leq \forall s, t \leq 1, \|\psi_{d_1}(s) - \psi_{d_1}(t)\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1}} \leq 4r\sqrt{d_1 + 3}|s - t|^{1/d_1} \quad (\text{B.8})$$

$$0 \leq \forall s, t \leq 1, \|\psi_m(s) - \psi_m(t)\|_{\mathbb{R}^m} \leq 4K_I\sqrt{m + 3}|s - t|^{1/m} \quad (\text{B.9})$$

Now, from Lemma 4, M can be covered by N balls of radius r , denoted by

$$B_M(p_1, r), \dots, B_M(p_N, r), \quad (\text{B.10})$$

with $N \leq \left\lfloor \frac{2^{d_1} \text{vol}_M(M)}{K_v r^{d_1} \omega_{d_1}} \right\rfloor$. Since $\psi_m : [0, 1] \rightarrow [-K_I, K_I]^m$ in (B.9) is surjective, we can find a right inverse $\Psi_m : [-K_I, K_I]^m \rightarrow [0, 1]$ that satisfies $\psi_m(\Psi_m(p)) = p$, i.e.

$$[0, 1] \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\psi_m} \\ \xleftarrow{\Psi_m} \end{array} [-K_I, K_I]^m. \quad (\text{B.11})$$

Reindex p_k with respect to Ψ_m so that

$$\Psi_m(p_1) < \dots < \Psi_m(p_N). \quad (\text{B.12})$$

Now fix k , and consider the ball $B_M(p_k, r)$ in the covering in (B.10). Then for all $p \in B_M(p_k, r)$, since $d_M(p_k, p) < r$, the condition (3) in Definition 2 implies that we can find $\varphi_k(p) \in B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1}}(0, r)$ such that $\exp_{p_k}(\varphi_k(p)) = p$. So this shows

$$B_M(p_k, r) \subset \exp_{p_k}(B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1}}(0, r)).$$

Now consider the composition of the exponential map \exp_{p_k} and ψ_{d_1} in (B.8), $\exp_{p_k} \circ \psi_{d_1} : [0, 1] \rightarrow M$. Then

$$B_M(p_k, r) \subset \exp_{p_k}(B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1}}(0, r)) \subset \exp_{p_k}([-r, r]^{d_1}) = \exp_{p_k} \circ \psi_{d_1}([0, 1]),$$

where the last equality is from that ψ_{d_1} in (B.8) is surjective. So $\exp_{p_k} \circ \psi_{d_1} : [0, 1] \rightarrow M$ is surjective on $B_M(p, r)$, so we can find right inverse $\Psi_k : B_M(p_k, r) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ that satisfies $(\exp_{p_k} \circ \psi_{d_1})(\Psi_k(p)) = p$, i.e.

$$[0, 1] \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\psi_{d_1}} \\ \xleftarrow{\Psi_k} \end{array} [-r, r] \xrightarrow{\exp_{p_k}} M \supset B_M(p_k, r). \quad (\text{B.13})$$

Then, reindex X_1, \dots, X_n with respect to Ψ_m and Ψ_k as $\{X_{k,j}\}_{1 \leq k \leq N, 1 \leq j \leq n_k}$, where $X_{k,1}, \dots, X_{k,n_k} \in B_M(p_k, r)$ and

$$\Psi_k(X_{k,1}) < \dots < \Psi_k(X_{k,n_k}). \quad (\text{B.14})$$

Let $\sigma \in S_n$ be the corresponding order of index, so that the d_1 -squared length of the path $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$ is factorized as

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} = \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{n_k-1} \|X_{k,j+1} - X_{k,j}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \|X_{k+1,1} - X_{k,n_k}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}. \quad (\text{B.15})$$

First, consider the first term $\sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{n_k-1} \|X_{k,j+1} - X_{k,j}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$ in (B.15). For all $1 \leq k \leq N$, by applying Lemma 5, $\sum_{j=1}^{n_k-1} \|X_{k,j+1} - X_{k,j}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$ is upper bounded as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^{n_k-1} \|X_{k,j+1} - X_{k,j}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \\ & \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n_k-1} \|(\exp_{p_k} \circ \psi_{d_1})(\Psi_k(X_{k,j+1})) - (\exp_{p_k} \circ \psi_{d_1})(\Psi_k(X_{k,j}))\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \quad (\text{from (B.13)}) \\ & \leq \left(\frac{\sinh(\sqrt{2}r/\tau_\ell)}{\sqrt{2}r/\tau_\ell} \right)^{d_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_k-1} \|\psi_{d_1}(\Psi_k(X_{k,j+1})) - \psi_{d_1}(\Psi_k(X_{k,j}))\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1}}^{d_1} \quad (\text{Lemma 5}) \\ & \leq \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2(d_1+3)} \sinh(\sqrt{2}r/\tau_\ell)}{r/\tau_\ell} \right)^{d_1} r^{d_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_k-1} |\Psi_k(X_{k,j+1}) - \Psi_k(X_{k,j})| \quad (\text{from (B.8)}) \\ & \leq \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2(d_1+3)} \sinh(\sqrt{2}r/\tau_\ell)}{r/\tau_\ell} \right)^{d_1} r^{d_1} \quad (\text{from (B.14)}). \end{aligned}$$

Then, by applying the fact that $r = 2\sqrt{3}\tau_g \leq 2\sqrt{3}\tau_\ell$ and that $t \mapsto \frac{\sinh t}{t}$ is an increasing function on $t \geq 0$ to this, we have an upper bound of $\sum_{j=1}^{n_k-1} \|X_{k,j+1} - X_{k,j}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$ as

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n_k-1} \|X_{k,j+1} - X_{k,j}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \leq \left(\frac{\sqrt{2(d_1+3)} \sinh 2\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^{d_1} r^{d_1}. \quad (\text{B.16})$$

And then, the second term $\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \|X_{k+1,1} - X_{k,n_k}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$ in (B.15) is upper bounded as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \|X_{k+1,1} - X_{k,n_k}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \\ & \leq 3^{d_1-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \left(\|X_{k+1,1} - p_{k+1}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} + \|p_{k+1} - p_k\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} + \|p_k - X_{k,n_k}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \right) \\ & \leq 2 \cdot 3^{d_1-1} (N-1) r^{d_1} + 3^{d_1-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \|\psi_m(\Psi_m(p_{k+1})) - \psi_m(\Psi_m(p_k))\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1}}^{d_1} \quad (\text{from (B.11)}) \\ & < 3^{d_1} (N-1) r^{d_1} + 2 \cdot 3^{d_1} \sqrt{m+3} K_I \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} |\Psi_m(p_{k+1}) - \Psi_m(p_k)|_{\frac{d_1}{m}} \quad (\text{from (B.9)}) \\ & \leq 3^{d_1} (N-1) r^{d_1} + \\ & \quad 2 \cdot 3^{d_1} \sqrt{m+3} K_I \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} |\Psi_m(p_{k+1}) - \Psi_m(p_k)|_{\frac{d_1}{m} \times \frac{m}{d_1}} \right)^{\frac{d_1}{m}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} 1^{\frac{m}{m-d_1}} \right)^{\frac{m-d_1}{m}} \\ & \quad (\text{using Hölder's inequality}) \\ & \leq 3^{d_1} (N-1) r^{d_1} + 2 \cdot 3^{d_1} \sqrt{m+3} K_I (N-1)^{1-\frac{d_1}{m}} \quad (\text{from (B.12)}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.17})$$

Hence, by plugging in (B.16) and (B.17) to (B.15), $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$ is upper bounded

as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \\
& < \left(\left(\frac{\sqrt{2(d_1+3)} \sinh 2\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^{d_1} + 3^{d_1} \right) r^{d_1} N + 2 \cdot 3^{d_1} \sqrt{m+3} K_I N^{1-\frac{d_1}{m}} \\
& < \frac{(2\sqrt{d_1+3} \sinh 2\sqrt{6})^{d_1} + 6^{d_1}}{K_v \omega_{d_1}} \text{vol}_M(M) + \frac{2 \cdot 3^{\frac{d_1}{2}} \sqrt{m+3} K_I}{(K_v \omega_{d_1})^{1-\frac{d_1}{m}}} \tau_g^{d_1 \left(\frac{d_1}{m}-1\right)} (\text{vol}_M(M))^{1-\frac{d_1}{m}} \\
& \leq \frac{(2(\sinh 2\sqrt{6})\sqrt{m+3})^{d_1} 2K_I}{\min\{1, K_v \omega_{d_1}\}} \times \\
& \quad \left(C_{K_I, m}^{(3)} \max\{1, \tau_g^{d_1-m}\} + \tau_g^{d_1 \left(\frac{d_1}{m}-1\right)} \left(C_{K_I, m}^{(3)} \max\{1, \tau_g^{d_1-m}\} \right)^{1-\frac{d_1}{m}} \right) \text{ (from Lemma 3)} \\
& \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max\{1, \tau_g^{d_1-m}\},
\end{aligned}$$

with some constant $C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)}$ which depends only on m , K_v , and K_I . Hence we have the same upper bound for $\min_{\sigma \in S_n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1}$ as well, as in (B.7). \square

Proposition 8. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$. Let \hat{d}_n be in (3.4). Then either for $d = d_1$ or $d = d_2$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\hat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\
& \leq 1(d = d_2) \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} m + m - 2d_2\right)n} \right\} n^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}-1\right)n}, \quad (\text{B.18})
\end{aligned}$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)} \in (0, \infty)$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_p , K_v , and m .

Proof of Proposition 8. Consider first the case $d = d_1$. Then for all $P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1}$ and $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim P$, by Lemma 7,

$$\min_{\sigma \in S_n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^{d_1} \right\} \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max\{1, \tau_g^{d_1-m}\},$$

hence \widehat{d}_n in (3.4) always satisfies $\widehat{d}_n(X) = d_1 = d(P)$, i.e. the risk of \widehat{d}_n satisfies

$$P^{(n)} \left[\widehat{d}_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) = d_2 \right] = 0. \quad (\text{B.19})$$

For the case when $d = d_2$, for all $P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}$, the risk of \widehat{d}_n in (3.4) is upper bounded as

$$\begin{aligned} & P^{(n)} \left[\widehat{d}_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) = d_1 \right] \\ &= P \left[\bigcup_{\sigma \in S_n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}| \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d_1 - m} \right\} \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} P \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}| \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d_1 - m} \right\} \right] \\ &= n! P \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |X_{i+1} - X_i| \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d_1 - m} \right\} \right] \\ &= \frac{n \left(C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)} \right)^{n-1} \left(C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d_1 - m} \right\} \right)^{\frac{d_2}{d_1} (n-1)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{(d_2 - m)(n-1)} \right\}}{(n-1) \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right)^{(n-1)}}, \quad (\text{B.20}) \end{aligned}$$

where the last line is implied by Lemma 6. Therefore, by combining (B.19) and (B.20), the risk is upper bounded as in (B.18), as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\widehat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\ &\leq 1(d = d_2) \frac{n \left(C_{K_I, K_p, m}^{(6)} \left(C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \right)^{\frac{d_2}{d_1}} \right)^{n-1} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} m + m - 2d_2 \right) (n-1)} \right\}}{(n-1) \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right)^{(n-1)}} \\ &\leq 1(d = d_2) \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} m + m - 2d_2 \right) n} \right\} n^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right) n}, \end{aligned}$$

for some $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)}$ that depends only on K_I , K_p , K_v , and m . \square

Proposition 9. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\widehat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}_2} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\widehat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\ &\leq \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} m + m - 2d_2 \right) n} \right\} n^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right) n}, \quad (\text{B.21}) \end{aligned}$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)}$ is from Proposition 8 and

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1}, \quad \mathcal{P}_2 = \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}.$$

Proof of Proposition 9. Applying Proposition 8 to (3.2) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\widehat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\widehat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\ & \leq \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\widehat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\ & \leq \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} m + m - 2d_2 \right) n} \right\} n^{-\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} - 1 \right) n}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the minimax rate R_n in (2.6) is upper bounded as in (B.21). \square

C Proofs for Section 4

Lemma 11. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $d, \Delta d \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d + \Delta d \leq m$. Let $M \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^d$ be a d -dimensional manifold of global reach $\geq \tau_g$, local reach $\geq \tau_\ell$, which is embedded in $\mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}$. Then

$$M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d} \in \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^{d+\Delta d}, \quad (\text{C.1})$$

which is embedded in \mathbb{R}^m .

Proof of Lemma 11. For showing (C.1), we need to show 4 conditions in Definition 2. The other conditions are rather obvious and the critical condition is (2), i.e. the global reach condition and the local reach condition. Showing the local reach condition is almost identical to showing the global reach condition, so we will focus on the global reach condition. From the definition of the global reach in Definition 1, we need to show that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ with $\text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}) < \tau_g$, x has the unique closest point $\pi_{M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}}(x)$ on $M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}$.

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ be satisfying $\text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}) < \tau_g$, and let $y \in M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}$. Then the distance between x and y can be factorized as their distance on first $m - \Delta d$ coordinates and last Δd coordinates,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, y) \\ & = \sqrt{\text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}}(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x), \Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(y))^2 + \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{\Delta d}}(\Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(x), \Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(y))^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.2})$$

For the first term in (C.2), note that the projection map $\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}$ is a contraction, i.e. for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $\text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}}(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x), \Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(y)) \leq \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, y)$ holds, so $\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x)$ is also within a τ_g -neighborhood of $M = \Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d})$, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}}(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x), M) &= \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}}(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x), \Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d})) \\ &\leq \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}) < \tau_g. \end{aligned}$$

Hence from the definition of the global reach in Definition 1, $\pi_M(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x)) \in M$ uniquely exists. And from $\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(y) \in M$, the distance between $\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x)$ and $\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(y)$ is lower bounded by the distance between $\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x)$ and M , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}}(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x), \Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(y)) &\geq \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}}(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x), \pi_M(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x))) \\ &= \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}}(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x), M), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.3})$$

and the equality holds if and only if $\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(y) = \pi_M(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x))$.

The second term in (C.2) is trivially lower bounded by 0, i.e.

$$\text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{\Delta d}}(\Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(x), \Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(y)) \geq 0, \quad (\text{C.4})$$

and the equality holds if and only if $\Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(x) = \Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(y)$.

Hence by applying (C.3) and (C.4) to (C.2), $\text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, y)$ is lower bounded by the distance between $\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x)$ and M , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(x, y) &= \sqrt{\text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}}(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x), \Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(y))^2 + \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{\Delta d}}(\Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(x), \Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(y))^2} \\ &\geq \text{dist}_{\mathbb{R}^{m-\Delta d}}(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x), M), \end{aligned}$$

and the equality holds if and only if $\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(y) = \pi_M(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x))$ and $\Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(x) = \Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(y)$, i.e. when $y = (\pi_M(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x)), \Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(x))$. Hence x has the unique closest point $\pi_{M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}}(x)$ on $M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}$ as

$$\pi_{M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}}(x) = (\pi_M(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x)), \Pi_{(m-\Delta d+1):m}(x)),$$

as in Figure C.1. □

Lemma 12. Fix $\tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $1 \leq d_1 \leq d_2$, and suppose $\tau_\ell < K_I$. Then there exist $T_1, \dots, T_n \subset [-K_I, K_I]^{d_2}$ such that:

- (1) The T_i 's are distinct.
- (2) For each T_i , there exists an isometry Φ_i such that

$$T_i = \Phi_i \left([-K_I, K_I]^{d_1-1} \times [0, a] \times B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2-d_1}}(0, w) \right), \quad (\text{C.5})$$

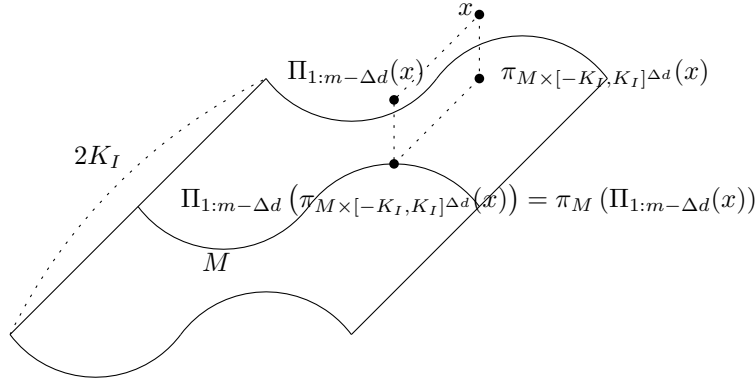


Figure C.1: $\pi_{M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}}(x)$ satisfies $\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(\pi_{M \times [-K_I, K_I]^{\Delta d}}(x)) = \pi_M(\Pi_{1:m-\Delta d}(x))$.

where $c = \left\lceil \frac{K_I + \tau_\ell}{2\tau_\ell} \right\rceil$, $a = \frac{K_I - \tau_\ell}{(d_2 - d_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \left\lceil \frac{n}{c^{d_2 - d_1}} \right\rceil}$, and $w = \min \left\{ \tau_\ell, \frac{(d_2 - d_1)^2 (K_I - \tau_\ell)^2}{2\tau_\ell (d_2 - d_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{c^{d_2 - d_1}} \right\rceil + 1 \right)^2} \right\}$.

(3) There exists $\mathcal{M} : (B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2 - d_1}}(0, w))^n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^{d_1}$ one-to-one such that for each $y_i \in B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2 - d_1}}(0, w)$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, $\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n) \cap T_i = \Phi_i([-K_I, K_I]^{d_1 - 1} \times [0, a] \times \{y_i\})$. Hence for any $x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_n \in T_n$, $\mathcal{M}(\{\Pi_{(d_1+1):d_2}^{-1} \Phi_i^{-1}(x_i)\}_{1 \leq i \leq n})$ passes through x_1, \dots, x_n .

Proof of Lemma 12. By Lemma 11, we only need to show the case for $d_1 = 1$. This is since for $d_1 > 1$ case, we can build the set of manifolds in $\mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^{d_1}$ by forming a Cartesian product of the manifold with the cube as in Lemma 11.

Let $b = \frac{2(d_2 - d_1)(K_I - \tau_\ell)}{(d_2 - d_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{c^{d_2 - d_1}} \right\rceil + 1 \right)}$, so that

$$b \geq 2\sqrt{2w\tau_\ell} \quad \text{and} \quad 2\tau_\ell + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{c^{d_2 - d_1}} \right\rfloor a + \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{c^{d_2 - d_1}} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) b = 2K_I.$$

With such values of a , b , and w , align T_i , R_i , and A_i in a zigzag way, as in Figure C.2(a).

Then from the definition of T_i , (1) the T_i 's are distinct and (2) for each T_i , there exists an isometry Φ_i such that $T_i = \Phi_i([-K_I, K_I]^{d_1 - 1} \times [0, a] \times B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2 - d_1}}(0, w))$. There exists an isometry Ψ_i such that $R_i = \Psi_i([-K_I, K_I]^{d_1 - 1} \times [0, b] \times B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2 - d_1}}(0, w))$ as well. Hence the conditions (1) and (2) are satisfied.

We are left to define \mathcal{M} that satisfies the condition (3). Now define a map from a set of points to a set of manifolds $\mathcal{M} : (B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2 - d_1}}(0, w))^n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v}^{d_1}$ as follows. For each $y_i \in B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2 - d_1}}(0, w)$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, $\bigcup_{i=1}^4 A_i \subset \mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n) \subset \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^4 A_i \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^4 T_i \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^4 R_i \right)$. The intersection of $\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ and T_i is a line segment $\Phi_i([-K_I, K_I]^{d_1 - 1} \times [0, a] \times \{y_i\})$, as in Figure C.2(b). Our goal is to make $\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ be C^1 and piecewise C^2 .

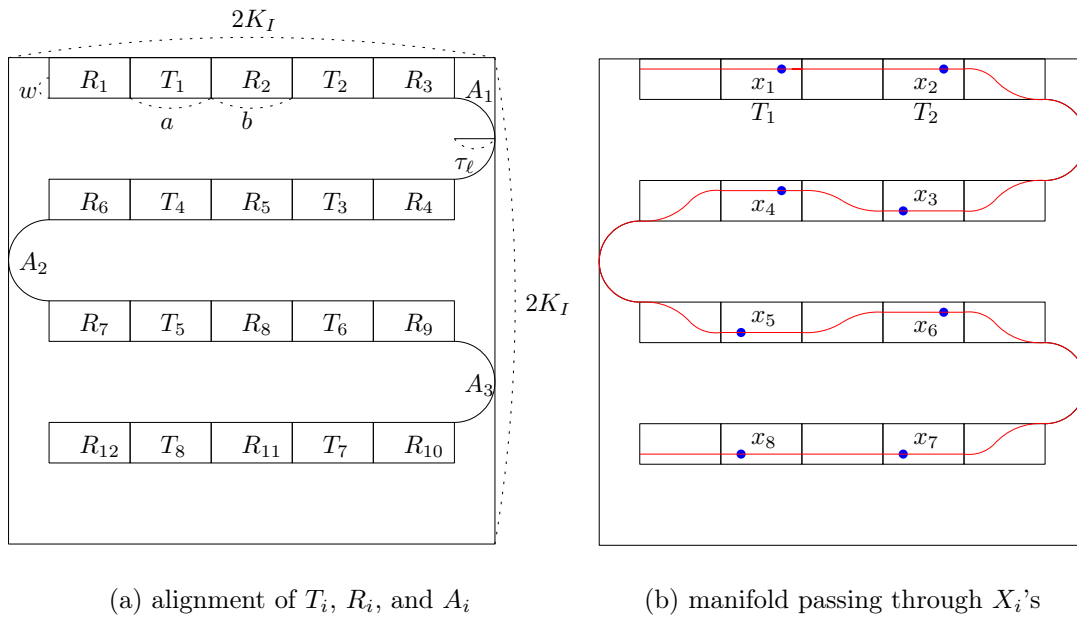


Figure C.2: This figure illustrates the case where $d_1 = 1$ and $d_2 = 2$. (a) shows how T_i , R_i , and A_i 's are aligned in a zigzag. (b) shows for given $x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_n \in T_n$ (represented as blue points), how $\mathcal{M}(\{\Pi_{(d_1+1):d_2}^{-1} \Phi_i^{-1}(x_i)\}_{1 \leq i \leq n})$ (represented as a red curve) passes through x_1, \dots, x_n .

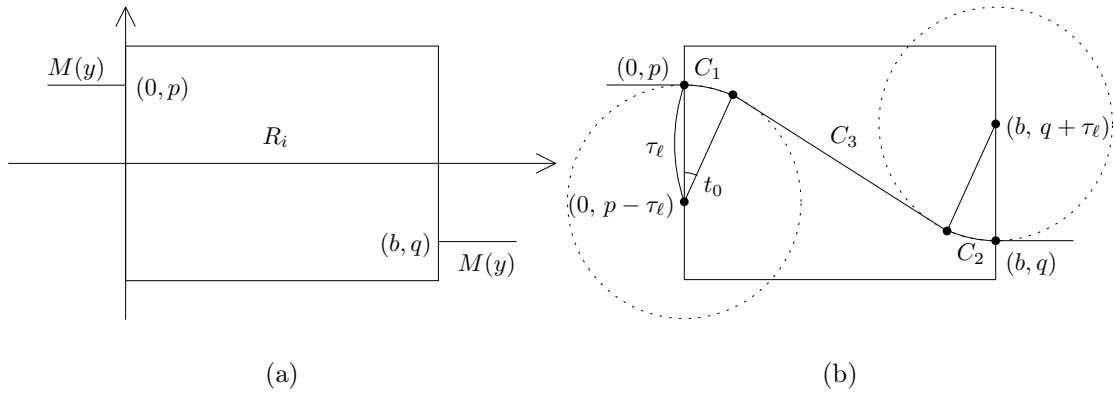


Figure C.3: (a) We need to find a C^2 curve with local reach $\geq \tau_\ell$ that starts from $(0, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, ends at (b, q) , and the velocities at both endpoints are parallel to $(1, 0)$. (b) C_1 and C_2 are arcs of circles of radius R_ℓ , and C_3 is the cotangent segment of two circles.

See Figure C.3 for the construction of the intersection of $\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ and R_i . Given that $\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n) \cap \left(\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^4 A_i \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1} T_i \right) \right)$ is determined, two points on $\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n) \cap \partial R_i$ are already determined. By translation and rotation if necessary, for all p, q with $-w \leq q \leq p \leq w$, we need to find a C^2 curve with reach $\geq \tau_\ell$ that starts from $(0, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, ends at $(b, q) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and the velocities at both endpoints are parallel to $(1, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, as in Figure C.3(a).

Let

$$t_0 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2\tau_\ell(2\tau_\ell - (p - q)) + b\sqrt{b^2 - (p - q)(4\tau_\ell - (p - q))}}{b^2 + (2\tau_\ell - (p - q))^2} \right), \quad (\text{C.6})$$

and let

$$C_1 = \{(0, p - \tau_\ell) + \tau_\ell(\sin t, \cos t) \mid 0 \leq t \leq t_0\}.$$

Then C_1 is an arc of a circle of which center is $(0, p - \tau_\ell)$, and starts at $(0, p)$ when $t = 0$ and ends at $(\tau_\ell \sin t_0, p - \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0))$ when $t = t_0$. Also, the normalized velocities of C_1 at endpoints are

$$(1, 0) \text{ at } (0, p), \quad (\cos t_0, -\sin t_0) \text{ at } (\tau_\ell \sin t_0, p - \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0)). \quad (\text{C.7})$$

Similarly, let

$$C_2 = \{(b, q + \tau_\ell) - \tau_\ell(\sin t, \cos t) \mid 0 \leq t \leq t_0\}.$$

Then C_2 is an arc of a circle of whose center is $(b, q + \tau_\ell)$, and starts at (b, q) when $t = 0$ and ends at $(b - \tau_\ell \sin t_0, q + \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0))$ when $t = t_0$. Also, the normalized velocities

of C_2 at endpoints are

$$(-1, 0) \text{ at } (b, q), \quad (-\cos t_0, \sin t_0) \text{ at } (b - \tau_\ell \sin t_0, q + \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0)). \quad (\text{C.8})$$

Let

$$C_3 = \left\{ (1-s)(\tau_\ell \sin t_0, p - \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0)) + s(b - \tau_\ell \sin t_0, q + \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0)) \mid 0 \leq s \leq 1 \right\},$$

so that C_3 is a segment joining $(\tau_\ell \sin t_0, p - \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0))$ (when $s = 0$) and $(b - \tau_\ell \sin t_0, q + \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0))$ (when $s = 1$). Also, its velocity vector is

$$(b - \tau_\ell \sin t_0, q + \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0)) \text{ for all } s \in [0, 1]. \quad (\text{C.9})$$

Then from definition of t_0 in (C.6),

$$\cos t_0 (q - p + 2\tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0)) + \sin t_0 (b - 2\tau_\ell \sin t_0) = 0,$$

and this implies that $(b - 2\tau_\ell \sin t_0, q - p + 2\tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0))$ is parallel to $(\cos t_0, -\sin t_0)$. Hence the velocity vector of C_3 in (C.9) is parallel to the velocity vector of C_1 in (C.7) at $(\tau_\ell \sin t_0, p - \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0))$ and the velocity vector of C_2 in (C.8) at $(b - \tau_\ell \sin t_0, q + \tau_\ell(1 - \cos t_0))$, i.e. C_3 is cotangent to both C_1 and C_2 . See Figure C.3(b).

Now we check whether is of global reach $\geq \tau_\ell$, which implies both global reach $\geq \tau_g$ and local reach $\geq \tau_\ell$ since $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. From [Aamari et al., 2017, Theorem 3.4], the reach $\tau(M)$ of a manifold M is realized in either the global case or the local case, where the global case refers to that there exist two points $q_1, q_2 \in M$ with $B(\frac{q_1+q_2}{2}, \tau(M)) \cap M = \emptyset$, and the local case refers to that there exists an arc-length parametrized geodesic γ such that $\|\gamma''(0)\|_2 = \frac{1}{\tau(M)}$. Now from the construction, any $q_1, q_2 \in \mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ with $B(\frac{q_1+q_2}{2}, \tau) \cap \mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \emptyset$ can only happen when $\tau \geq \tau_\ell$, so it suffices to check whether any arc-length parametrized geodesics γ satisfies $\|\gamma''(0)\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{\tau_\ell}$. And this is satisfied since $\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ is piecewise either a straight line segment or an arc of a circle of radius τ_ℓ . Hence $\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ is of global reach $\geq \tau_\ell$. \square

Claim 13. Let $T = S_n \prod_{i=1}^n T_i$ where the T_i 's are from Lemma 12. Let Q_2 be the uniform distribution on $[-K_I, K_I]^{d_2}$, and let $\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1}$ be as in (4.2). Then there exists $Q_1 \in \text{co}(\mathcal{P}_1^{d_1})$ satisfying that for all $x \in \text{int}T$, there exists $r_x > 0$ such that for all $r < r_x$,

$$Q_1 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right) \geq 2^{-n} Q_2 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right). \quad (\text{C.10})$$

Proof of Claim 13. Let Q_1 be from (C.15) in Proposition 14. By symmetry, we can assume that $x \in \prod_{i=1}^n T_i$, i.e. $x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_n \in T_n$. Choose r_x small enough so that $B(x, r_x) \subset \text{int}T$. Then for all $r < r_x$, from the definition of Q_1 in (C.15),

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2, \infty}}}(x_i, r) \right) &= \int_{\mathcal{P}_1} P^{(n)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2, \infty}}}(x_i, r) \right) d\mu_1(P) \\ &= \int_{C^n} \Phi(y)^{(n)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2, \infty}}}(x_i, r) \right) \lambda_{C^n}(y) \\ &= \int_{C^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_{\mathcal{M}(y)} \left(B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2, \infty}}}(x_i, r) \right) \lambda_{C^n}(y). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.11})$$

Then from the condition (3) in Lemma 12, $\mathcal{M}(y) \cap T_i = \Phi_i \left([-K_I, K_I]^{d_1-1} \times [0, a] \times \{y_i\} \right)$ holds, hence

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{M}(y) \cap B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2, \infty}}}(x_i, r) \\ \left\{ = \Phi_i \left(B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1, \infty}}} \left(\Pi_{1:d_1}(\Phi_i^{-1}(x_i)), r \right) \times \{y_i\} \right), \right. & \text{if } \|y_i - \Pi_{(d_1+1):d_2}(\Phi_i^{-1}(x_i))\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2-d_1}} < r, \\ \left. \supset \emptyset, \right. & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

And hence the volume of $\mathcal{M}(y) \cap B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2, \infty}}}(x_i, r)$ can be lower bounded as

$$\lambda_{\mathcal{M}(y)} \left(B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2, \infty}}}(x_i, r) \right) \geq \frac{r^{d_1}}{2K_I^{d_1-1} a n} I \left(\|y_i - \Pi_{(d_1+1):d_2}(\Phi_i^{-1}(x_i))\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2-d_1, \infty}} < r \right).$$

By applying this to (C.11), $Q_1 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right)$ can be lower bounded as

$$\begin{aligned}
& Q_1 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right) \\
& \geq \int_{C^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{r^{d_1}}{2K_I^{d_1-1} an} I \left(\|y_i - \Pi_{(d_1+1):d_2}(\Phi_i^{-1}(x_i))\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2-d_1}, \infty} < r \right) \lambda_{C^n}(y) \\
& = \frac{r^{d_1 n}}{2^n K_I^{(d_1-1)n} (an)^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \int_C I \left(\|y_i - \Pi_{(d_1+1):d_2}(\Phi_i^{-1}(x_i))\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2-d_1}, \infty} < r \right) \lambda_C(y_i) \\
& = \frac{r^{d_1 n}}{2^n K_I^{(d_1-1)n} (an)^n} \left(\frac{(2r)^{d_2-d_1}}{w^{d_2-d_1} \omega_{d_2-d_1}} \right)^n \\
& = \frac{2^{(d_2-d_1-1)n} r^{d_2 n}}{K_I^{(d_1-1)n} w^{(d_2-d_1)n} (an)^n \omega_{d_2-d_1}^n} \\
& \geq \frac{2^{(d_2-d_1-1)n} r^{d_2 n}}{K_I^{d_2 n} \omega_{d_2-d_1}^n}, \tag{C.12}
\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality uses $an \leq c^{d_2-d_1} K_I \leq \frac{K_I^{d_2-d_1+1}}{\tau_\ell^{d_2-d_1}}$ and $w \leq \tau_\ell$.

On the other hand, $Q_2 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right) = \left(\frac{2r}{2K_I} \right)^{d_2 n} = \frac{r^{d_2 n}}{K_I^{d_2 n}}$, so from this and (C.12), we get (C.10) as

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_1 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right) & \geq \frac{2^{(d_2-d_1-1)n}}{\omega_{d_2-d_1}^n} Q_2 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right) \\
& \geq 2^{-n} Q_2 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 14. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 \leq m$, and suppose that $\tau_\ell < K_I$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} [\ell(\hat{d}_n, d(P))] \\
& \geq \left(C_{d_1, d_2, K_I}^{(14)} \right)^n \min \left\{ \tau_\ell^{-2(d_2-d_1+1)} n^{-2}, 1 \right\}^{(d_2-d_1)n}, \tag{C.13}
\end{aligned}$$

where $C_{d_1, d_2, K_I}^{(14)} \in (0, \infty)$ is a constant depending only on d_1 , d_2 , and K_I and

$$\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}.$$

Proof of Proposition 14. Let $J = [-K_I, K_I]^{d_2}$. Let S_n be the permutation group, and $S_n \curvearrowright J^n$ by coordinate change, i.e. $\sigma \in S_n$, $x \in J^n$, $\sigma x := (x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n)})$. For any set $A \subset J^n$, let $S_n A := \{\sigma x \in J^n : \sigma \in S_n, x \in A\}$.

Let T_i be T_i 's from Lemma 12. Let $T := S_n \prod_{i=1}^n T_i$, and $V := \bigcup_{i=1}^n T_i = \Pi_{1:d_2}(T)$. Intuitively, T is the set of points $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ where x_i lies on one of the T_j .

Let $C = B_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2-d_1}}(0, w)$ where w is from Lemma 12, and precisely define a set of d_1 -dimensional distribution \mathcal{P}_1 in (4.2) and a set of d_2 -dimensional distribution \mathcal{P}_2 in (4.3) as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_1 &= \{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1} : \text{there exists } M \in \mathcal{M}(C^n) \text{ such that } P \text{ is uniform on } M\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_2 &= \{\lambda_J\} \subset \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.14})$$

Define a map $\Phi : C^n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_1$ by $\Phi(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \lambda_{\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n)}$, i.e. the uniform measure on $\mathcal{M}(y_1, \dots, y_n)$. Impose a topology and probability measure structure on \mathcal{P}_1 by the pushforward topology and the uniform measure on C^n , i.e. $\mathcal{P}' \subset \mathcal{P}_1$ is open if and only if $\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{P}')$ is open in C^n , $\mathcal{P}' \subset \mathcal{P}_1$ is measurable if and only if $\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{P}')$ is measurable in C^n , and $\mu_1(\mathcal{P}') = \lambda_{C^n}(\Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{P}'))$.

Define a probability measure Q_1, Q_2 on $(J^n, \mathcal{B}(J^n))$ by

$$Q_1(A) := \int_{\mathcal{P}_1} P^{(n)}(A) d\mu_1(P) \quad \text{and} \quad Q_2 = \lambda_{J^n}. \quad (\text{C.15})$$

Fix $P \in \mathcal{P}_1$, let $x = \Phi^{-1}(P)$. Then $P^{(n)}(A) = \lambda_{\mathcal{M}(x)}^{(n)}(A)$ is a measurable function of x and Φ is a homeomorphism. Hence, $p^{(n)}(A)$ is measurable function and $Q_1(A)$ is well defined. Define $\nu = Q_1 + \lambda_J$. Then $Q_1, Q_2 \ll \nu$, so there exist densities $q_1 = \frac{dQ_1}{d\nu}$, $q_2 = \frac{dQ_2}{d\nu}$ with respect to ν .

Then by applying Le Cam's Lemma (Lemma 10) with $\theta(P) = d(P)$, \mathcal{P}_1 and \mathcal{P}_2 from (C.14), and Q_1 and Q_2 in (C.15), the minimax rate $\inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}_2} \mathbb{E}_P \left[\ell(\hat{d}_n, d(P)) \right]$ can be lower bounded as

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}_2} \mathbb{E}_P \left[\ell(\hat{d}_n, d(P)) \right] &\geq \frac{\ell(d_1, d_2)}{2} \int_{J^n} q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x) d\nu(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{J^n} q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x) d\nu(x). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.16})$$

Then from Claim 13, for all $x \in \text{int}T$, there exists $r_x > 0$ s.t. for all $r < r_x$,

$$Q_1 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right) \geq 2^{-n} Q_2 \left(\prod_{i=1}^n B_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \infty}}(x_i, r) \right).$$

Hence $q_1(x)$ is lower bounded by $q_2(x)$ whenever $x \in \text{int}T$ as

$$q_1(x) \geq 2^{-n} q_2(x) \text{ if } x \in \text{int}T,$$

and $q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x)$ is correspondingly lower bounded by $q_2(x)$ as

$$q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x) \geq 2^{-n} q_2(x) 1(x \in \text{int}T).$$

Hence the integration of $q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x)$ over T is lower bounded as

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_T q_1(x) \wedge q_2(x) d\nu(x) \geq 2^{-n-1} \lambda_{J^n}(T). \quad (\text{C.17})$$

Then from $a = \frac{K_I - \tau_\ell}{(d_2 - d_1 + \frac{1}{2}) \lceil \frac{n}{c^{d_2 - d_1}} \rceil}$ and $w = \min \left\{ \tau_\ell, \frac{(d_2 - d_1)^2 (K_I - \tau_\ell)^2}{2\tau_\ell (d_2 - d_1 + \frac{1}{2})^2 \left(\lceil \frac{n}{c^{d_2 - d_1}} \rceil + 1 \right)^2} \right\}$, $\lambda_{J^n}(T)$ can be lower bounded as

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{J^n} \left(S_n \prod_{i=1}^n T_i \right) &= n! \lambda_{J^1}(T_1)^n \\ &= n! \left(\frac{(2K_I)^{d_1 - 1} \omega_{d_2 - d_1} a w^{d_2 - d_1}}{(2K_I)^{d_2}} \right)^n \\ &\geq \left(C_{d_1, d_2, K_I}^{(14,1)} \right)^n \min \left\{ \tau_\ell^{-2(d_2 - d_1 + 1)} n^{-2}, 1 \right\}^{(d_2 - d_1)n}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.18})$$

for some constant $C_{d_1, d_2, K_I}^{(14,1)}$ that depends only on d_1 , d_2 , and K_I . Hence by combining (C.16), (C.17), and (C.18), the minimax rate $\inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}_2} \mathbb{E}_P \left[\ell(\hat{d}_n, d(P)) \right]$ can be lower bounded as

$$\inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}_2} \mathbb{E}_P \left[\ell(\hat{d}_n, d(P)) \right] \geq \left(C_{d_1, d_2, K_I}^{(14)} \right)^n \min \left\{ \tau_\ell^{-2(d_2 - d_1 + 1)} n^{-2}, 1 \right\}^{(d_2 - d_1)n},$$

for some constant $C_{d_1, d_2, K_I}^{(14)}$ that depends only on d_1 , d_2 , and K_I . Then since $\mathcal{P}_1 \subset \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1}$ and $\mathcal{P}_2 \subset \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}$, the minimax rate R_n in (2.6) can be lower bounded by the minimax rate $\inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}_2} \mathbb{E}_P \left[\ell(\hat{d}_n, d(P)) \right]$, i.e.

$$\inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}} \mathbb{E}_P \left[\ell(\hat{d}_n, d(P)) \right] \geq \inf_{\hat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cup \mathcal{P}_2} \mathbb{E}_P \left[\ell(\hat{d}_n, d(P)) \right],$$

which completes the proof of showing (C.13). \square

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Proposition 15. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Let \widehat{d}_n be in (5.1). Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\widehat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\ & \leq 1(d > 1) \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-(dm+m-2d)n} \right\} n^{-\frac{1}{d-1}n}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.1})$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)} \in (0, \infty)$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_p , K_v , and m .

Proof of Proposition 15. Note that for all $P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d$ and $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim P$, by Lemma 7,

$$\min_{\sigma \in S_n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^d \right\} \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{d-m} \right\},$$

hence \widehat{d}_n in (5.1) always satisfies

$$\widehat{d}_n(X) \leq d = d(P). \quad (\text{D.2})$$

Hence when $d = 1$, the risk of \widehat{d}_n is 0. When $d > 1$, from (D.2) and Proposition 9, the risk of \widehat{d}_n in (5.1) is upper bounded as

$$\begin{aligned} & P^{(n)} \left[\widehat{d}_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) \neq d \right] \\ & = P^{(n)} \left[\max \left\{ k \in [1, m] : \min_{\sigma \in S_n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^k \right\} \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{k-m} \right\} \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. < d \right] \text{ (from (D.2))} \\ & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{d-1} P^{(n)} \left[\min_{\sigma \in S_n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \|X_{\sigma(i+1)} - X_{\sigma(i)}\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}^k \right\} \leq C_{K_I, K_v, m}^{(7)} \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{k-m} \right\} \right] \\ & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{d-1} \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-\left(\frac{d}{k}m+m-2d\right)n} \right\} n^{-\left(\frac{d}{k}-1\right)n} \text{ (Proposition 9)} \\ & \leq \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-(dm+m-2d)n} \right\} n^{-\frac{1}{d-1}n}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)} = mC_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(8)}$ is a constant depending only on K_I , K_p , K_v , and m . Therefore, the risk is upper bounded as in (D.1), as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\widehat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\ & \leq 1(d > 1) \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-(dm+m-2d)n} \right\} n^{-\frac{1}{d-1}n}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 16. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$. Then:

$$\inf_{\widehat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\widehat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \leq \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-(m^2-m)n} \right\} n^{-\frac{1}{m-1}n}, \quad (\text{D.3})$$

where $C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)}$ is from Proposition 15.

Proof of Proposition 16. Note that (3.2) still holds when \mathcal{P} is as in (2.8). Hence applying Proposition 15 to (3.2) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\widehat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\widehat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \\ & \leq \max_{1 \leq d \leq n} \left\{ \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^d} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} \left[\ell \left(\widehat{d}_n, d(P) \right) \right] \right\} \\ & \leq \left(C_{K_I, K_p, K_v, m}^{(15)} \right)^n \max \left\{ 1, \tau_g^{-(m^2-m)n} \right\} n^{-\frac{1}{m-1}n}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the minimax rate R_n in (2.6) is upper bounded as in (D.3). □

Proposition 17. Fix $\tau_g, \tau_\ell \in (0, \infty]$, $K_I \in [1, \infty)$, $K_v \in (0, 2^{-m}]$, $K_p \in [(2K_I)^m, \infty)$, with $\tau_g \leq \tau_\ell$ and suppose that $\tau_\ell < K_I$. Then,

$$\inf_{\widehat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} [\ell(\widehat{d}_n, d(P))] \geq \left(C_{K_I}^{(17)} \right)^n \min \{ \tau_\ell^{-4} n^{-2}, 1 \}^n \quad (\text{D.4})$$

where $C_{K_I}^{(17)} \in (0, \infty)$ is a constant depending only on K_I .

Proof of Proposition 17. For any d_1 and d_2 , from Proposition 14,

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\widehat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} [\ell(\widehat{d}_n, d(P))] \\ & \geq \inf_{\widehat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_1} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\tau_g, \tau_\ell, K_I, K_v, K_p}^{d_2}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} [\ell(\widehat{d}_n, d(P))] \\ & \geq \left(C_{d_1, d_2, K_I}^{(14)} \right)^n \min \left\{ \tau_\ell^{-2(d_2-d_1+1)} n^{-2}, 1 \right\}^{(d_2-d_1)n} \end{aligned}$$

Hence by plugging in $d_1 = 1$ and $d_2 = 2$, the minimax rate R_n in (2.6) is lower bounded as in (D.3), as

$$\inf_{\widehat{d}_n} \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{P^{(n)}} [\ell(\widehat{d}_n, d(P))] \geq \left(C_{K_I}^{(17)} \right)^n \min \left\{ \tau_\ell^{-4} n^{-2}, 1 \right\}^n$$

with $C_{K_I}^{(17)} = C_{d_1=1, d_2=2, K_I}^{(14)}$.

□