

A Bias of Nadaraya-Watson Kernel Regression under Smoothness Assumptions

Definition 3. Lipschitz in L_1 -normed space.

A function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be Lipschitz continuous in the normed space with Lipschitz constant L if and only if

$$|f(\mathbf{s}_1) - f(\mathbf{s}_2)| \leq \|\mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{s}_2\|_1 L \quad \forall \mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

where $\|\cdot\|_1$ is the norm in the L_1 space.

Definition 4. Log-Lipschitz in L_1 -normed space.

A positive defined function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be log-Lipschitz continuous in the normed space with Lipschitz constant L if and only if

$$|\log f(\mathbf{s}_1) - \log f(\mathbf{s}_2)| \leq \|\mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{s}_2\|_1 L \quad \forall \mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Proposition 1. Log-Lipschitz Distribution

There always exists a Lipschitz continuous function $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with constant L as defined in Definition 3 for any distribution with positive-defined Log-Lipschitz density p defined over \mathbb{R}^d with constant L as defined in Definition 4, and

$$p(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{s})} d\mathbf{s}}.$$

Proof. When $g(\mathbf{s}) = \log p(\mathbf{s})$

$$p(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{e^{\log p(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{\log p(\mathbf{s})} d\mathbf{s}} = \frac{p(\mathbf{s})}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p(\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{s}} = p(\mathbf{s}),$$

and $g(x)$ is Lipschitz with constant L since p is log-Lipschitz

$$|\log p(\mathbf{s}_1) - \log p(\mathbf{s}_2)| \leq \|\mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{s}_2\|_1 L \implies |g(\mathbf{s}_1) - g(\mathbf{s}_2)| \leq \|\mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{s}_2\|_1 L.$$

□

Proposition 2. Given $\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $L \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\int_0^{\mathbf{B}} \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - l_i L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} dl = 2^{-d} \prod_{i=1}^d e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}} \left(\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{B}_i + \mathbf{h}_i^2 L_\beta}{\mathbf{h}_i \sqrt{2}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right),$$

where erf is the error-function.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\mathbf{B}} \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - l_i L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} dl &= \prod_{i=1}^d \int_0^{\mathbf{B}_i} \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - l_i L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} dl \quad (\text{Independent Factorization}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}} \left[1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{l + \mathbf{h}_i^2 L_\beta}{\mathbf{h}_i \sqrt{2}} \right) \right]_{l=0}^{\mathbf{B}_i} \\ &= 2^{-d} \prod_{i=1}^d e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}} \left(\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{B}_i + \mathbf{h}_i^2 L_\beta}{\mathbf{h}_i \sqrt{2}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 3.

$$\int_0^B -\frac{e^{-\frac{l^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - lL_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} l L_f \, dl = L_f \mathbf{h}_i \frac{e^{-\frac{B^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - BL_\beta} - 1}{2\pi} + L_f L_\beta \mathbf{h}_i^2 \frac{e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}}}{2} \left(\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{B + \mathbf{h}_i^2 L_\beta}{\mathbf{h}_i \sqrt{2}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^B -\frac{e^{-\frac{l^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - lL_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} l L_f \, dl &= \frac{L_f \mathbf{h}_i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^B -\frac{l}{\mathbf{h}_i^2} e^{-\frac{l^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - lL_\beta} \, dl \\ &= \frac{L_f \mathbf{h}_i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\underbrace{\int_0^B \left(-\frac{l}{\mathbf{h}_i^2} - L_\beta \right) e^{-\frac{l^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - lL_\beta} \, dl}_{\text{Integral 1}} + L_\beta \sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2} \underbrace{\int_0^B \frac{e^{-\frac{l^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - lL_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \, dl}_{\text{Integral 2}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The solution of Integral 1 is

$$\int_0^B \left(-\frac{l}{\mathbf{h}_i^2} - L_\beta \right) e^{-\frac{l^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - lL_\beta} \, dl = \left[e^{-\frac{l^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - lL_\beta} \right]_{l=0}^B = e^{-\frac{B^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - BL_\beta} - 1,$$

and based on Proposition 2 the second integral is

$$\int_0^B \frac{e^{-\frac{l^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - lL_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \, dl = \frac{e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}}}{2} \left(\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{B + \mathbf{h}_i^2 L_\beta}{\mathbf{h}_i \sqrt{2}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right).$$

Plugging back in Equation (7)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^B -\frac{e^{-\frac{l^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - lL_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} l L_f \, dl &= \frac{L_f \mathbf{h}_i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(e^{-\frac{B^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - BL_\beta} - 1 + L_\beta \sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2} \frac{e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}}}{2} \left(\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{B + \mathbf{h}_i^2 L_\beta}{\mathbf{h}_i \sqrt{2}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \right) \\ &= L_f \mathbf{h}_i \frac{e^{-\frac{B^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - BL_\beta} - 1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + L_f L_\beta \mathbf{h}_i^2 \frac{e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}}}{2} \left(\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{B + \mathbf{h}_i^2 L_\beta}{\mathbf{h}_i \sqrt{2}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 4. Given $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\int_{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{B}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d f(\mathbf{s}_i) \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^d g(\mathbf{s}_k) \right) d\mathbf{s} = \sum_{k=1}^d \left(\prod_{i \neq k}^d \int_{\mathbf{A}_i}^{\mathbf{B}_i} f(x) dx \right) \int_{\mathbf{A}_k}^{\mathbf{B}_k} f(x)g(x) dx.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{B}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d f(\mathbf{s}_i) \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^d g(\mathbf{s}_k) \right) d\mathbf{s} &= \sum_{k=1}^d \int_{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{B}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d f(\mathbf{s}_i) \right) g(\mathbf{s}_k) d\mathbf{s} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^d \int_{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{B}} f(\mathbf{s}_1) f(\mathbf{s}_2) \dots f(\mathbf{s}_d) g(\mathbf{s}_k) d\mathbf{s} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^d \int_{\mathbf{A}_1}^{\mathbf{B}_1} f(x) dx \int_{\mathbf{A}_2}^{\mathbf{B}_2} f(x) dx \dots \\ &\quad \int_{\mathbf{A}_n}^{\mathbf{B}_n} f(x) dx \int_{\mathbf{A}_k}^{\mathbf{B}_k} f(x)g(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^d \left(\prod_{i \neq k}^d \int_{\mathbf{A}_i}^{\mathbf{B}_i} f(x) dx \right) \int_{\mathbf{A}_k}^{\mathbf{B}_k} f(x)g(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 5. A multivariate Gaussian Kernel with bandwidth $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}$ is defined as

$$K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) = \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{(\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{z}_i)^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}}.$$

Definition 6. Nadaraya-Watson Kernel Regression. We define the Nadaraya-Watson Kernel Regression with Gaussian Kernels (as defined in Definition 5) of a data-set $\{\mathbf{s}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ as

$$\hat{f}_n(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}_i) y_i}{\sum_{j=1}^n K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}_j)}.$$

Theorem 2 Bias of Nadaraya-Watson Kernel Regression under Smooth Assumptions.

Proof. Substituting the Definition 5 on the left-side

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathbb{E} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}_n(\mathbf{s}) \right] - f(\mathbf{s}) \right| &= \left| \mathbb{E} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}_i) y_i}{\sum_{j=1}^n K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}_j)} \right] - f(\mathbf{s}) \right| \\ &= \left| \mathbb{E} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}_i) y_i}{n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}_j)} \right] - f(\mathbf{s}) \right| \\ &= \left| \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) (f(\mathbf{z}) + \epsilon(\mathbf{z})) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}} \right] - f(\mathbf{s}) \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) (f(\mathbf{z}) + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \epsilon_{\mathbf{z}} d\epsilon_{\mathbf{z}}) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}} - f(\mathbf{s}) \right| \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left| \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) f(\mathbf{z}) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}} - f(\mathbf{s}) \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) (f(\mathbf{z}) - f(\mathbf{s})) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}} \right| \\ &= \frac{\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) (f(\mathbf{z}) - f(\mathbf{s})) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \right|}{\left| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \right|}. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

We want to obtain an upper-bound of the bias. Therefore we want to find an upper-bound of the numerator and a lower-bound of the denominator. Note that the magnitude of the noise does not influence the Bias [36].

Lower-bound of the Denominator: The denominator is always positive, so the absolute value operator can be removed,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{(\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{z}_i)^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \\
&= \frac{1}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{(\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{z}_i)^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z} \\
&= \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{(\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{z}_i)^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \right) e^{g(\mathbf{z}) - g(\mathbf{s})} d\mathbf{z} \\
&= \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \right) e^{g(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) - g(\mathbf{s})} d\mathbf{l} \quad (\text{let } l = x - z) \\
&\leq \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \right) e^{-|\mathbf{l}|L_\beta} d\mathbf{l} \\
&= \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^d e^{-|l_j|L_\beta} \right) d\mathbf{l} \quad (\text{Lipschitz Inequality}) \\
&= 2^d \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_0^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}} \int_0^{+\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^d e^{-l_j L_\beta} \right) d\mathbf{l} \quad (\text{Symmetric Integral}) \\
&= 2^d \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_0^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}} \int_0^{+\infty} \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - l_i L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} d\mathbf{l}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now considering Proposition 2, we obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \beta(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \leq \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}} \prod_{i=1}^d e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 h_i^2}{2}} \left(1 - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right). \quad (10)$$

Upper-bound of the Numerator:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) (f(\mathbf{z}) - f(\mathbf{s})) \beta(\mathbf{z}) \, d\mathbf{z} \right| \\
&= \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) (f(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) - f(\mathbf{s})) \beta(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) \, d\mathbf{l} \right| \\
&\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) |f(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) - f(\mathbf{s})| \beta(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) \, d\mathbf{l} \\
&= \frac{1}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) |f(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) - f(\mathbf{s})| e^{g(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l})} \, d\mathbf{l} \quad (\text{Jensen's Inequality}) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) |\mathbf{l}|_{L_f} e^{g(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l})} \, d\mathbf{l} \quad (\text{Lipschitz Inequality}) \\
&= \frac{1}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) \sum_{i=1}^n |\mathbf{l}_i|_{L_f} e^{g(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l})} \, d\mathbf{l} \\
&= \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) \sum_{i=1}^n |\mathbf{l}_i|_{L_f} e^{g(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) - g(\mathbf{s})} \, d\mathbf{l} \\
&\leq \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}) \sum_{i=1}^n |\mathbf{l}_i|_{L_f} \prod_{i=1}^d e^{|\mathbf{l}_i|_{L_\beta}} \, d\mathbf{l} \\
&= \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{\mathbf{l}^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n |\mathbf{l}_i|_{L_f} \prod_{i=1}^d e^{|\mathbf{l}_i|_{L_\beta}} \, d\mathbf{l} \\
&= 2^d \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{\mathbf{l}^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} + \mathbf{l}_i L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{l}_i L_f \, d\mathbf{l}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using Proposition 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2^d \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \int_0^{+\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{e^{-\frac{\mathbf{l}^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} + \mathbf{l}_i L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{l}_i L_f \, d\mathbf{l} \\
&= 2^d \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \sum_{k=1}^d \left(\prod_{i \neq k}^d \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{\mathbf{l}^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} + \mathbf{l} L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \, d\mathbf{l} \right) \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{\mathbf{l}^2}{2\mathbf{h}_k^2} + \mathbf{l} L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_k^2}} \mathbf{l} L_f \, d\mathbf{l} \\
&= 2^d \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \sum_{k=1}^d \left(\prod_{i \neq k}^d \int_0^{-\infty} -\frac{e^{-\frac{\mathbf{l}^2}{2\mathbf{h}_i^2} - \mathbf{l} L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_i^2}} \, d\mathbf{l} \right) \int_0^{-\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{\mathbf{l}^2}{2\mathbf{h}_k^2} - \mathbf{l} L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_k^2}} \mathbf{l} L_f \, d\mathbf{l}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using Proposition 2,

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2^d \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \sum_{k=1}^d \left(2^{-d} \prod_{i \neq k}^d e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}} \left(1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \right) \int_0^{-\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{\mathbf{l}^2}{2\mathbf{h}_k^2} - \mathbf{l} L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_k^2}} \mathbf{l} L_f \, d\mathbf{l} \\
&= \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} \, d\mathbf{z}} \sum_{k=1}^d \left(\prod_{i \neq k}^d e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}} \left(1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \right) \int_0^{-\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{\mathbf{l}^2}{2\mathbf{h}_k^2} - \mathbf{l} L_\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\mathbf{h}_k^2}} \mathbf{l} L_f \, d\mathbf{l}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using Proposition 3 to solve the last integral

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{e^{g(\mathbf{s})}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{g(\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z}} \sum_{k=1}^d \left(\prod_{i \neq k} e^{\frac{L_{\beta}^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}} \left(1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_{\beta}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \right) \\
&\quad \times L_f \mathbf{h}_k \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + L_{\beta} \mathbf{h}_k \frac{e^{\frac{L_{\beta}^2 \mathbf{h}_k^2}{2}}}{2} \left(1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_k L_{\beta}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Conclusion. Unifying equations (11) and (10) we finally obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \mathbb{E} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}_n(\mathbf{s}) \right] - f(\mathbf{s}) \right| \leq \\
&\frac{L_f \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbf{h}_k \left(\prod_{i \neq k} e^{\frac{L_{\beta}^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}} \left(1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_{\beta}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + L_{\beta} \mathbf{h}_k \frac{e^{\frac{L_{\beta}^2 \mathbf{h}_k^2}{2}}}{2} \left(1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_k L_{\beta}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \right)}{\prod_{i=1}^d e^{\frac{L_{\beta}^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}} \left(1 - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_{\beta}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right)}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

B The Nonparametric Bellman Equation

Proofs of Theorem 1 and Theorem 3.

Proposition 5. *In the limit of infinite samples the NPBE defined in Definition 2 with a data-set $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_n$ collected under distribution β on the state-action space and MDP \mathcal{M} converges to*

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}) &= \int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \varepsilon_\pi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) \left(R_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}, \\ &\text{with } R_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}} \sim R(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) \quad \forall (\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) \in \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}, \\ &\text{with } \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}} \sim P(\cdot | \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) \quad \forall (\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) \in \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon_\pi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) := \int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{\psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \pi(\mathbf{a} | \mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} & \text{if } \pi \text{ is stochastic,} \\ \varepsilon_i^\pi(\mathbf{s}) := \frac{\psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\pi(\mathbf{s}), \mathbf{b})}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\pi(\mathbf{s}), \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i(\mathbf{s}) \varphi_i(\mathbf{a}) \left(r_i + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi_i(\mathbf{s}') \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_j(\mathbf{s}) \varphi_j(\mathbf{a})} \pi(\mathbf{a} | \mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i(\mathbf{s}) \varphi_i(\mathbf{a}) \left(r_i + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi_i(\mathbf{s}') \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_j(\mathbf{s}) \varphi_j(\mathbf{a})} \pi(\mathbf{a} | \mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \left(R(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}') P(\mathbf{z}' | \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{z}) \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \pi(\mathbf{a} | \mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a}. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously we can derive the deterministic policy case. □

Proposition 6. *Both for finite samples and infinite samples, when R is bounded by $-R_{\max}$ and R_{\max} (where R_{\max} is non-negative defined), then the solution of the NPBE if exists it is bounded between $\frac{-2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma}$ and $\frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma}$.*

Proof. Starting with the finite samples case. Suppose by absurd proposition that if the NPBE admits a solution \hat{V}_π then $\sup_{\mathbf{s}} |\hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s})| = \frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} + \epsilon$ with $\epsilon > 0$ strictly positive (and eventually $+\infty$). It immediately follows that $\sup_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2} |\hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}_1) - \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}_2)| = \frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} + 2\epsilon$. Expanding this term

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2} |\hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}_1) - \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}_2)| &= \sup_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2} \left| \left(\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_1) - \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_2) \right) \left(\mathbf{r} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right) \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2} \left| \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_1) - \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_2) \right| \left| \mathbf{r} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2} \left(|\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_1)| + |\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_2)| \right) \left| \mathbf{r} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that $\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s})$ is a stochastic vector (non-negative definite and sums up to 0),

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2} \left(|\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_1)| + |\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_2)| \right) \left| \mathbf{r} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right| \\
& \leq 2R_{\max} + \gamma \sup_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2} \left(|\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_1)| + |\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_2)| \right) \left| \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right| \\
& \leq 2R_{\max} + \gamma \left(\frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} + \epsilon \right) \sup_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2} \left(|\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_1)| + |\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_2)| \right) \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \\
& = 2R_{\max} + \gamma \left(\frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} + \epsilon \right) \sup_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2} \left(|\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_1)| + |\varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}_2)| \right) \mathbf{1} \\
& \leq 2R_{\max} + \gamma \left(\frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} + 2\epsilon \right),
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sup_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2} |\hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}_1) - \hat{V}_\pi(\mathbf{s}_2)| & \leq 2R_{\max} + \gamma \left(\frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} + 2\epsilon \right) \\
\implies 2 \frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} + 2\epsilon & \leq 2R_{\max} + \gamma \left(\frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} + 2\epsilon \right) \\
\implies 0 & \leq \epsilon(\gamma(1-\gamma) - 1).
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Since $\gamma(1-\gamma) - 1$ is always negative (we defined $0 \leq \gamma < 1$), then there are no positive values for ϵ which satisfy the inequality, which is in clear contradiction with the absurd premise. For the infinite samples case we can do similar reasoning noting that ϕ, β, P are probability measures. \square

Proposition 7. *If R is bounded by R_{\max} and if $f^* : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the NPBE, then there is no other function $f : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for which $\exists \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{S}$ and $|f^*(\mathbf{z}) - f(\mathbf{z})| > 0$.*

Proof. Suppose, by absurd assumption, that a function $g : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ exists such that $f(\mathbf{s}) + g(\mathbf{s})$ satisfies Equation (12) for every $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{S}$ and a function $G \in \mathbb{R}^+$ exists for which $|g(\mathbf{z})| > G$. Note that the existence of $f : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as a solution for the NPBE implies the existence of

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}) \phi(\mathbf{s}') f^*(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{14}$$

and similarly, the existence of $f(\mathbf{s}) \in \mathbb{R}$ with $f(\mathbf{s}) = f^*(\mathbf{s}) + g(\mathbf{s})$ as a solution of the NPBE implies that

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}) \phi(\mathbf{s}') f^*(\mathbf{s}') + g(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{15}$$

Note that the existence of the integral in Equations (14) and (15) implies

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}) \phi(\mathbf{s}') g(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{16}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
|f^*(\mathbf{s}) - f(\mathbf{s})| & = \left| f^*(\mathbf{s}) - \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}) \left(\mathbf{r} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') (f(\mathbf{s}') + g(\mathbf{s}')) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \right| \\
& = \left| \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}) \left(\mathbf{r} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') g(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right) - \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}) \left(\mathbf{r} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') (f^*(\mathbf{s}') + g(\mathbf{s}')) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \right| \\
& = \gamma \left| \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}) \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') g(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right| \\
\implies |g(\mathbf{s})| & = \gamma \left| \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}) \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') g(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right|.
\end{aligned}$$

Using Jensen's inequality

$$|g(\mathbf{s})| \leq \gamma \varepsilon_\pi^T(\mathbf{s}) \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') |g(\mathbf{s}')| d\mathbf{s}'.$$

Note that since both f^* and f are bounded by $\frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma}$ then $|g(\mathbf{s})| \leq \frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma}$, thus

$$\begin{aligned}
|g(\mathbf{s})| &\leq \gamma \varepsilon_{\pi}^T(\mathbf{s}) \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') |g(\mathbf{s}')| d\mathbf{s}' \\
&\leq \gamma 2 \frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} \varepsilon_{\pi}^T(\mathbf{s}) \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \\
&= \gamma 2 \frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} \\
\Rightarrow |g(\mathbf{s})| &\leq \gamma \frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} \\
\Rightarrow |g(\mathbf{s})| &\leq \gamma^2 \frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} \quad \text{using (17)} \\
\Rightarrow |g(\mathbf{s})| &\leq \gamma^3 \frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} \quad \text{using (17)} \\
&\dots \\
\Rightarrow |g(\mathbf{s})| &\leq 0,
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

which is in clear disagreement with the assumption made. Again here a similar procedure shows the same result for the infinite case. \square

Proof of Theorem 1

Proof. Saying that \hat{V}_{π}^* is a solution for Equation (12) is equivalent to saying

$$\hat{V}_{\pi}^*(\mathbf{s}) - \varepsilon^{\pi}(\mathbf{s}) \left(\mathbf{r} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') \hat{V}_{\pi}^*(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right) = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{S}.$$

We can verify that by simple algebraic manipulation

$$\begin{aligned}
&\hat{V}_{\pi}^*(\mathbf{s}) - \varepsilon_{\pi}^T(\mathbf{s}) \left(\mathbf{r} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') \hat{V}_{\pi}^*(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right) \\
&= \varepsilon_{\pi}^T(\mathbf{s}) \Lambda_{\pi}^{-1} \mathbf{r} - \varepsilon^{\pi}(\mathbf{s}) \left(\mathbf{r} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') \varepsilon_{\pi}^T(\mathbf{s}') \Lambda_{\pi}^{-1} \mathbf{r} d\mathbf{s}' \right) \\
&= \varepsilon_{\pi}^T(\mathbf{s}) \left(\Lambda_{\pi}^{-1} \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r} - \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') \varepsilon_{\pi}^T(\mathbf{s}') \Lambda_{\pi}^{-1} \mathbf{r} d\mathbf{s}' \right) \\
&= \varepsilon_{\pi}^T(\mathbf{s}) \left(\left(I - \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \phi(\mathbf{s}') \varepsilon_{\pi}^T(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{s}' \right) \Lambda_{\pi}^{-1} \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r} \right) \\
&= \varepsilon_{\pi}^T(\mathbf{s}) \left(\Lambda_{\pi} \Lambda_{\pi}^{-1} \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r} \right) \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Since equation (12) has (at least) one solution, Proposition 7 guarantees that the solution (\hat{V}_{π}^*) is unique. \square

Proof of Theorem 3.

Proof. We perform the derivation for the stochastic policy, however the same derivation applies for the deterministic case almost identically. Expanding $|\mathbb{E}_D[\bar{V}_D(\mathbf{s})] - V^*(\mathbf{s})|$ using the NPBE and the classic Bellman equation,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mathbb{E}_D[\bar{V}_D(\mathbf{s})] - V^*(\mathbf{s})| &= \left| \mathbb{E}_D \left[\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \varepsilon_{\pi}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) \left(R_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} V_D(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b} \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \int_{\mathcal{A}} \left(\bar{R}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} V^*(\mathbf{s}') P(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \pi(\mathbf{a} | \mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} \right|.
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

As can be easily verified, $\varepsilon_\pi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b})\beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b})$ is a density distribution over \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b} . Hence Equation (19) can be rewritten

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \mathbb{E}_D \left[\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \varepsilon_\pi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) \left(R_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}} + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} V_D(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b} \right] \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \int_{\mathcal{A}} \left(\bar{R}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{S}} V^*(\mathbf{s}') P(\mathbf{s}'|\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \pi(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} \right| \\
&= \left| \mathbb{E}_D \left[\int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) (R_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}} - \bar{R}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a})) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \pi(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} \right] \right. \\
&+ \gamma \int_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbb{E}_D \left[\frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{S}} V_D(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}}) d\mathbf{s}' - \int_{\mathcal{S}} V^*(\mathbf{s}') P(\mathbf{s}'|\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \right] \pi(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} \left. \right| \\
&\leq \left| \mathbb{E}_D \left[\int_{\mathcal{A}} \underbrace{\frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) (R_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}} - \bar{R}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a})) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}}_{\mathbf{A}} \pi(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} \right] \right| \\
&+ \gamma \left| \int_{\mathcal{A}} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_D \left[\frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{S}} V_D(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}}) d\mathbf{s}' - \int_{\mathcal{S}} V^*(\mathbf{s}') P(\mathbf{s}'|\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \right]}_{\mathbf{B}} \pi(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} \right| \\
&\leq \mathbf{A}_{\text{Bias}} + \gamma \mathbf{B}_{\text{Bias}}. \tag{20}
\end{aligned}$$

It is evident that the term \mathbf{A} is the Nadaraya-Watson kernel regression from Equation (8) - the noise has been washed out in Equation (9) -, therefore Theorem 2 applies

$$\mathbf{A}_{\text{Bias}} = \frac{L_R \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbf{h}_k \left(\prod_{i \neq k}^d e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}} \left(1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + L_\beta \mathbf{h}_k e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_k^2}{2}} \left(1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_k L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right) \right)}{\prod_{i=1}^d e^{\frac{L_\beta^2 \mathbf{h}_i^2}{2}} \left(1 - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\mathbf{h}_i L_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right)},$$

where $\mathbf{h} = [\mathbf{h}_\psi, \mathbf{h}_\varphi]$ and $d = d_s + d_a$.

Returning to the estimate of \mathbf{B}_{Bias}

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbb{E}_D \left[\frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{S}} V_D(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}}) d\mathbf{s}' - \int_{\mathcal{S}} V^*(\mathbf{s}') P(\mathbf{s}'|\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \right] \pi(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} \right| \\
&= \left| \int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbb{E} [V_D(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}})] d\mathbf{s}' - \int_{\mathcal{S}} V^*(\mathbf{s}') P(\mathbf{s}'|\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \pi(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a} \right|
\end{aligned}$$

One may ask whether the terms in $\mathbb{E}[V_D(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}})]$ are uncorrelated. The answer is affirmative, since, even if V_D depends on $\mathbf{z}_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}}$ (integral in Equation (12)), this corresponds only to the variation of a single point in the integral, and therefore the overall estimate does not change. This argument, however, does not immediately hold for the case of an infinitesimal bandwidth, and therefore we provide the results for that case separately.

For Finite Bandwidth:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \frac{\int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbb{E} [V_D(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}})] d\mathbf{s}' - \int_{\mathcal{S}} V^*(\mathbf{s}') P(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \pi(\mathbf{a} | \mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{a}} \right| \\
& \leq \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}} \left| \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}} \bar{V}(\mathbf{z}') \phi(\mathbf{z}', \mathbf{s}') P(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}' d\mathbf{z}' - \int_{\mathcal{S}} V^*(\mathbf{s}') P(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \right| \\
& = \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}} \left| \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{S}} \bar{V}(\mathbf{z}') \phi(\mathbf{z}', \mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') \right) P(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}' d\mathbf{z}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \right| \\
& \leq \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{S}} \bar{V}(\mathbf{z}') \phi(\mathbf{z}', \mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{z}' \right) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \right| \\
& = \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \frac{\int_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}}{\int_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}} \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \varphi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}) d\mathbf{z} d\mathbf{b}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{S}} \bar{V}(\mathbf{z}') \phi(\mathbf{z}', \mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{z}' \right) \right| \\
& = \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \int_{\mathcal{S}} \bar{V}(\mathbf{z}') \phi(\mathbf{z}', \mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{z}' \right| \\
& = \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \int_{\mathcal{S}} \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}' + \mathbf{l}) \phi(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{l} \right|. \tag{21}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\phi(\mathbf{s}' + \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{s}') = \prod_{i=1}^{d_s} \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2h_{\phi, i}^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi h_{\phi, i}^2}},$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \int_{\mathcal{S}} \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}' + \mathbf{l}) \phi(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') d\mathbf{l} \right| \\
& \leq \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') \right| + \int_{\mathcal{S}} L_V \left(\sum_{i=1}^{d_s} |l_i| \right) \prod_{i=1}^{d_s} \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2h_{\phi, i}^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi h_{\phi, i}^2}} d\mathbf{l}
\end{aligned}$$

Using Proposition 4

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') \right| + L_V \int_{\mathcal{S}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{d_s} |l_i| \right) \prod_{i=1}^{d_s} \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2h_{\phi, i}^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi h_{\phi, i}^2}} d\mathbf{l} \\
& = \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') \right| + L_V \sum_{k=1}^{d_s} \left(\prod_{i \neq k} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{l_i^2}{2h_{\phi, i}^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi h_{\phi, i}^2}} dl_i \right) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |l_k| \frac{e^{-\frac{l_k^2}{2h_{\phi, k}^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi h_{\phi, k}^2}} dl_k \\
& = \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') \right| + L_V 2 \sum_{k=1}^{d_s} \int_0^{+\infty} l_k \frac{e^{-\frac{l_k^2}{2h_{\phi, k}^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi h_{\phi, k}^2}} dl_k \\
& = \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') \right| + L_V \sum_{k=1}^{d_s} \frac{h_{\phi, k}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \tag{22}
\end{aligned}$$

which means that when \mathbf{h} not infinitesimal

$$\left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}) - V^*(\mathbf{s}) \right| \leq A_{\text{Bias}} + \gamma \left(\max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') \right| + L_V \sum_{k=1}^{d_s} \frac{h_{\phi, k}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right).$$

It is however known that $|\bar{V}(\mathbf{s}) - V^*(\mathbf{s})| \leq 2 \frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma}$, thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}) - V^*(\mathbf{s}) \right| &\leq A_{\text{Bias}} + \gamma \left(\max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') \right| + L_V \sum_{k=1}^{d_s} \frac{h_{\phi,k}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \\
\left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}) - V^*(\mathbf{s}) \right| &\leq A_{\text{Bias}} + \gamma \left(2 \frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} + L_V \sum_{k=1}^{d_s} \frac{h_{\phi,k}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \\
\Rightarrow \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}) - V^*(\mathbf{s}) \right| &\leq A_{\text{Bias}} + \gamma \left(A_{\text{Bias}} + \gamma \left(2 \frac{R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} + L_V \sum_{k=1}^{d_s} \frac{h_{\phi,k}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) + L_V \sum_{k=1}^{d_s} \frac{h_{\phi,k}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \quad \text{using Equation (23)} \\
\Rightarrow \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}) - V^*(\mathbf{s}) \right| &\leq \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t \left(A_{\text{Bias}} + \gamma L_V \sum_{k=1}^{d_s} \frac{h_{\phi,k}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \quad \text{using Equation (23)} \\
\Rightarrow \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}) - V^*(\mathbf{s}) \right| &\leq \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \left(A_{\text{Bias}} + \gamma L_V \sum_{k=1}^{d_s} \frac{h_{\phi,k}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \quad \text{using Equation (23)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

For Infinitesimal Bandwidth: In the case of an infinitesimal bandwidth note that, even if V_D and ϕ are correlated the overall integral reduces only on a single point, and the same argument made in the case of finite bandwidth applies,

$$\int_S \mathbb{E} [V_D(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}})] d\mathbf{s}' = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_S V_D(\mathbf{s}') \phi(\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}}) d\mathbf{s}' \right] = \mathbb{E} [V_D(\mathbf{z}'_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b}})] = \int_S \bar{V}_D(\mathbf{s}') P(\mathbf{s}' | \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{s}'.$$

It follows that, proceeding similarly to Equation (21), we obtain

$$\left| \frac{\mathbb{E}}{D} [\bar{V}_D(\mathbf{s})] - V^*(\mathbf{s}) \right| \leq \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s}'} \left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}') - V^*(\mathbf{s}') \right|, \tag{25}$$

which yields

$$\left| \bar{V}(\mathbf{s}) - V^*(\mathbf{s}) \right| \leq \frac{1}{1-\gamma} A_{\text{Bias}}. \tag{26}$$

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