## A Proofs

A key concept to derive oracle inequalities and learning rates, which is used in the proof of Theorem 3.1, is the concept of entropy numbers, see Carl and Stephani (1990) or Steinwart and Christmann (2008, Definition A.5.26). Recall that, for normed spaces $\left(E,\|\cdot\|_{E}\right)$ and $\left(F,\|\cdot\|_{F}\right)$ as well as an integer $i \geq 1$, the $i$-th (dyadic) entropy number of a bounded, linear operator $S: E \rightarrow F$ is defined by

$$
\begin{aligned}
e_{i}(S: E \rightarrow F) & :=e_{i}\left(S B_{E},\|\cdot\|_{F}\right) \\
& :=\inf \left\{\varepsilon>0: \exists s_{1}, \ldots, s_{2^{i-1}} \in S B_{E} \text { such that } S B_{E} \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{2^{i-1}}\left(s_{j}+\varepsilon B_{F}\right)\right\},
\end{aligned}
$$

where we use the convention $\inf \emptyset:=\infty$, and $B_{E}$ as well as $B_{F}$ denote the closed unit balls in $E$ and $F$, respectively.

Proof of Theorem 3.1. We denote by $\tilde{H}$ the RKHS over $X$ with Gaussian kernel of width $\gamma_{\max }$. Let $f_{0} \in \tilde{H}$. Then, we can w.l.o.g. assume that $\left\|f_{0}\right\|_{\infty} \leq 1$, since the Gaussian kernel is bounded. For every $j \in\{1, \ldots m\}$ we define $f_{j}=\mathbf{1}_{A_{j}} f_{0}=\widehat{f_{0_{\mid A_{j}}}}$ and remark that $f_{j_{\mid A_{j}}} \in H_{\gamma_{\text {max }}}\left(A_{j}\right)$ due to Steinwart and Christmann (2008, Exercise 4.4i)). Hence, $f_{j} \in \hat{H}_{\gamma_{\max }}$ by definition of $\hat{H}_{\gamma_{\max }}$. Furthermore, since $\gamma_{j} \leq \gamma_{\max }$ for every $j \in\{1, \ldots m\}$, Steinwart and Christmann 2008, Proposition 4.4.6) shows that $\hat{H}_{\gamma_{\max }} \subset \hat{H}_{\gamma_{j}}$ with

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|f_{j}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{\gamma_{j}}} \leq\left(\frac{\gamma_{\max }}{\gamma_{j}}\right)^{d / 2}\left\|f_{j}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{\gamma_{\max }}} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Hence, we find that $f_{j} \in \hat{H}_{\gamma_{j}}$ for every $j \in\{1, \ldots, m\}$. Since

$$
f_{0}=\sum_{i=1}^{m} f_{j}
$$

we conclude that $f_{0} \in H$ by definition of $H$. Next, we observe with (5) that

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left\|\mathbf{1}_{A_{j}} f_{0}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{\gamma_{j}}}^{2}=\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left\|f_{j}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{\gamma_{j}}}^{2} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left(\frac{\gamma_{\max }}{\gamma_{j}}\right)^{d}\left\|f_{j}\right\|_{\tilde{H}}^{2} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left(\frac{\gamma_{\max }}{\gamma_{j}}\right)^{d}\left\|f_{0}\right\|_{\tilde{H}}^{2}
$$

By using the latter inequality and the bound for the approximation error given in Steinwart and Christmann 2008, Theorem 8.18) with tail exponent $\tau=\infty$ since $X$ is compact and with $\lambda=\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left(\frac{\gamma_{\max }}{\gamma_{j}}\right)^{d}$, we find that

$$
\begin{align*}
\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left\|\mathbf{1}_{A_{j}} f_{0}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{\gamma_{j}}}^{2}+\mathcal{R}_{L, P}\left(f_{0}\right)-\mathcal{R}_{L, P}^{*} & \leq \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left(\frac{\gamma_{\max }}{\gamma_{j}}\right)^{d}\left\|f_{0}\right\|_{\tilde{H}}^{2}+\mathcal{R}_{L, P}\left(f_{0}\right)-\mathcal{R}_{L, P}^{*} \\
& \leq \max \left\{c_{d}, \tilde{c}_{d, \beta} c_{\mathrm{NE}}\right\}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left(\frac{\gamma_{\max }}{\gamma_{j}}\right)^{d} \gamma_{\max }^{-d}+\gamma_{\max }^{\beta}\right)  \tag{6}\\
& \leq \hat{c}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j} \gamma_{j}^{-d}+\gamma_{\max }^{\beta}\right)
\end{align*}
$$

where $\hat{c}:=\max \left\{c_{d}, \tilde{c}_{d, \beta} c_{\mathrm{NE}}\right\}$ with $c_{d}, \tilde{c}_{d, \beta}>0$. Next, Eberts and Steinwart (2015, Theorem 6) provides the bound $e_{i}\left(\mathrm{id}: H_{\gamma}\left(A_{j}\right) \rightarrow L_{2}\left(\mathrm{P}_{X \mid A_{j}}\right)\right) \leq a_{j} i^{-\frac{1}{2 p}}$ for $i \geq 1$ with $a_{j}=\tilde{c}_{p} \sqrt{P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)} r^{\frac{d+2 p}{2 p}} \gamma_{j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{2 p}}$, where $\tilde{c}_{p}$ is a positive constant depending from $p$. For the constant $a$ from Theorem B. 1 this yields

$$
\left(\max \left\{c_{p} m^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}^{-p} a_{j}^{2 p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2 p}}, 2\right\}\right)^{2 p}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\left(\max \left\{c_{p} m^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}^{-p}\left(\tilde{c}_{p} \sqrt{P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)} r^{\frac{d+2 p}{2 p}} \gamma_{j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{2 p}}\right)^{2 p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2 p}}, 2\right\}\right)^{2 p} \\
& =\left(\max \left\{c_{p} \tilde{c}_{p} m^{\frac{1}{2}} r^{\frac{d+2 p}{2 p}}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m}\left(\lambda_{j}^{-1} \gamma_{j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{p}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)\right)^{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2 p}}, 2\right\}\right)^{2 p} \\
& \leq\left(\max \left\{c_{p} \tilde{c}_{p} m^{\frac{1}{2 p}} r^{\frac{d+2 p}{2 p}}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}^{-1} \gamma_{j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{p}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, 2\right\}\right)^{2 p} \\
& \leq\left(\max \left\{c_{p} \tilde{c}_{p} 16^{\frac{d}{2 p}} r\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}^{-1} \gamma_{j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{p}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, 2\right\}\right)^{2 p} \\
& \leq C_{p} r^{2 p}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}^{-1} \gamma_{j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{p}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)\right)^{p}+4^{p} \\
& =: a^{2 p},
\end{aligned}
$$

where we used that $\|\cdot\|_{p} \leq m^{\frac{1-p}{p}}\|\cdot\|_{1}$ for $0<p<1$, as well as $m r^{d} \leq 16^{d}$ by (3) and that $C_{p}:=c_{p}^{2 p} \tilde{c}_{p}^{2 p} 16^{d}$. Then, by using Theorem B.1. (66), the concavity of the function $t \mapsto t^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}$ for $t \geq 0$ and the fact that $\tau \geq 1$ with $\tau \leq n$ we obtain that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left\|f_{\mathrm{D}_{j}, \lambda_{j}, \gamma_{j}}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{j}}^{2}+\mathcal{R}_{L, P}\left(\widehat{f}_{\mathrm{D}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \gamma}\right)-\mathcal{R}_{L, P}^{*} \\
& \leq 9\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left\|\mathbf{1}_{A_{j}} f_{0}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{\gamma_{j}}}^{2}+\mathcal{R}_{L, P}\left(f_{0}\right)-\mathcal{R}_{L, P}^{*}\right)+C\left(a^{2 p} n^{-1}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+3\left(\frac{432 c_{\mathrm{NE}}^{\frac{q}{q+1}} \tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}+\frac{30 \tau}{n} \\
& \leq 9 \hat{c}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j} \gamma_{j}^{-d}+\gamma_{\max }^{\beta}\right)+C\left(C_{p} r^{2 p}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}^{-1} \gamma_{j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{p}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)\right)^{p} n^{-1}+4^{p} n^{-1}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}} \\
&+3\left(\frac{432 c_{\mathrm{NE}}^{\frac{q}{q+1}} \tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}+\frac{30 \tau}{n} \\
& \leq 9 \hat{c}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j} \gamma_{j}^{-d}+\gamma_{\max }^{\beta}\right)+C\left(C_{p} r^{2 p}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}^{-1} \gamma_{j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{p}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)\right)^{p} n^{-1}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}} \\
&+C\left(\frac{4^{p} \tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+3\left(\frac{432 c_{\mathrm{NE}}^{\frac{q}{q+1}}}{n} \tau\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}+\frac{30 \tau}{n} \\
& \leq \tilde{C}_{\beta, d, p, q}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j} \gamma_{j}^{-d}+\gamma_{\max }^{\beta}+\left(r^{2 p}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}^{-1} \gamma_{j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{p}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)\right)^{p} n^{-1}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}\right. \\
&\left.+\left(\frac{\tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+\left(\frac{\tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}+\frac{\tau}{n}\right) \\
& \leq C_{\beta, d, p, q}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j} \gamma_{j}^{-d}+\gamma_{\max }^{\beta}+\left(r^{2 p}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}^{-1} \gamma_{j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{p}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)\right)^{p} n^{-1}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+\left(\frac{\tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

holds with probability $P^{n}$ not less than $1-3 e^{-\tau}$, where the constants $\tilde{C}_{\beta, d, p, q}$ and $C_{\beta, d, p, q}$ are given by
$\tilde{C}_{\beta, d, p, q}:=\max \left\{9 \hat{c}, C \cdot C^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}, C \cdot 4^{\frac{p(q+1)}{q+2-p}}, 3 c_{\mathrm{NE}}^{\frac{q}{q+2}} \cdot 432^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}, 30\right\}$ and $C_{\beta, d, p, q}:=\max \left\{9 \hat{c}, C \cdot C^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}, 3 \cdot C \cdot 4^{\frac{p(q+1)}{q+2-p}}, 9 c^{\frac{q}{q+2}}\right.$. $\left.432^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}, 90\right\}$.

Proof of Theorem 3.2. First we simplify the presentation by using the sequences $\tilde{\lambda}_{n}:=c_{2} n^{-(\beta+d) \kappa}$ and $\tilde{\gamma}_{n}:=$ $c_{3} n^{-\kappa}$ with $\kappa:=\frac{(q+1)}{\beta(q+2)+d(q+1)}$. Then, we find with Theorem 3.1 together with $r_{n}=c_{1} n^{-\nu}, \lambda_{n, j}=r_{n}^{d} \tilde{\lambda}_{n}$ and $\gamma_{n, j}=\tilde{\gamma}_{n}$ and with $\sum_{j=1}^{m_{n}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)=1$ and $m_{n} \leq 16^{d} r_{n}^{-d}$ that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{R}_{L, P}\left(\hat{f}_{\mathrm{D}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}}\right)-\mathcal{R}_{L, P}^{*} \\
& \leq C_{\beta, d, p, q}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m_{n}} \lambda_{n, j} \gamma_{n, j}^{-d}+\gamma_{\max }^{\beta}+\left(r_{n}^{2 p}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m_{n}} \lambda_{n, j}^{-1} \gamma_{n, j}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{p}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)\right)^{p} n^{-1}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+\left(\frac{\tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}\right) \\
& =C_{\beta, d, p, q}\left(m_{n} r_{n}^{d} \tilde{\lambda}_{n} \tilde{\gamma}_{n}^{-d}+\tilde{\gamma}_{n}^{\beta}+\left(r_{n}^{2 p}\left(r_{n}^{-d} \tilde{\lambda}_{n}^{-1} \tilde{\gamma}_{n}^{-\frac{d+2 p}{p}} \sum_{j=1}^{m_{n}} P_{X}\left(A_{j}\right)\right)^{p} n^{-1}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+\left(\frac{\tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}\right) \\
& \leq 16^{d} C_{\beta, d, p, q}\left(\tilde{\lambda}_{n} \tilde{\gamma}_{n}^{-d}+\tilde{\gamma}_{n}^{\beta}+\left(r_{n}^{p(2-d)} \tilde{\lambda}_{n}^{-p} \tilde{\gamma}_{n}^{-(d+2 p)} n^{-1}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+\left(\frac{\tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}\right) \\
& \leq C_{\beta, \nu, d, p, q}\left(n^{-(\beta+d) \kappa} n^{+d \kappa}+n^{-\beta \kappa}+\left(\frac{n^{-p \nu(2-d)}}{n^{-p(\beta+d) \kappa} n^{-(d+2 p) \kappa+1}}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+\left(\frac{\tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}\right) \\
& =C_{\beta, \nu, d, p, q}\left(2 n^{-\beta \kappa}+\left(\frac{n^{-p[\nu(2-d)-(\beta+d) \kappa-2 \kappa]}}{n^{-d \kappa+1}}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+\left(\frac{\tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}\right) \\
& =C_{\beta, \nu, d, p, q}\left(2 n^{-\beta \kappa}+\frac{n^{-\frac{p(q+1)}{q+2-p}[\nu(2-d)-(\beta+d+2) \kappa]}}{n^{\frac{\beta(q+2)(q+1)}{(\beta(q+2)+d(q+1))(q+2-p)}}}+\left(\frac{\tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}\right) \\
& \leq C_{\beta, \nu, d, p, q}\left(2 n^{-\beta \kappa}+\frac{n^{-\frac{p(q+1)}{q+2-p}[\nu(2-d)-(\beta+d+2) \kappa]}}{n^{\frac{\beta(q+1)}{(\beta(q+2)+d(q+1))}}}+\left(\frac{\tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}\right) \\
& \leq C_{\beta, \nu, d, p, q}\left(2 n^{-\frac{\beta(q+1)}{\beta(q+2)+d(q+1)}}+n^{-\frac{\beta(q+1)}{\beta(q+2)+d(q+1)}} n^{-\frac{p(q+1)}{q+2}\left[\nu(2-d)-\frac{(\beta+d+2)(q+1)}{\beta(q+2)+d(q+1)}\right]}+\left(\tau n^{-1}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}\right) \\
& \leq C_{\beta, \nu, \xi, d, q} \tau^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}} \cdot n^{-\frac{\beta(q+1)}{\beta(q+2)+d(q+1)}+\xi}
\end{aligned}
$$

holds with probability $P^{n}$ not less than $1-3 e^{-\tau}$, where the constants $C_{\beta, \nu, d, p, q}, c_{1}, c_{2}, c_{3}>0$ depend on $\beta, \nu, d, p, q$ and the constant $C_{\beta, \nu, \xi, d, q}>0$ depends on $\beta, \nu, \xi, d, q$. Furthermore, we remark that we chose $p$ sufficiently close to zero such that $\xi \geq \frac{p(q+1)}{q+2}\left(\nu(d-2)+\frac{(\beta+d+2)(q+1)}{\beta(q+2)+d(q+1)}\right) \geq 0$.

## B Appendix

Theorem B.1. Let $P$ be a distribution on $X \times Y$ with noise exponent $q \in(0, \infty]$ and let $L: Y \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow[0, \infty]$ be the hinge loss. Furthermore let $(A)$ be satisfied with $H_{j}:=H_{\gamma_{j}}\left(A_{j}\right)$ and assume that, for fixed $n \geq 1$, there exist constants $p \in(0,1)$ and $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{m}>0$ such that for all $j \in\{1, \ldots, m\}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
e_{i}\left(\mathrm{id}: H_{j} \rightarrow L_{2}\left(\mathrm{P}_{X \mid A_{j}}\right)\right) \leq a_{j} i^{-\frac{1}{2 p}}, \quad i \geq 1 \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Finally, fix an $f_{0} \in H$. Then, for all fixed $\tau>0, \boldsymbol{\lambda}=\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{m}\right)>0, \gamma=\left(\gamma_{1}, \ldots, \gamma_{m}\right)>0$ and

$$
a:=\max \left\{c_{p} m^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}^{-p} a_{j}^{2 p}\right)^{\frac{1}{2 p}}, 2\right\}
$$

the VP-SVM given by (4) satisfies

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left\|f_{\mathrm{D}_{j}, \lambda_{j}, \gamma_{j}}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{j}}^{2}+\mathcal{R}_{L, P}\left(\widehat{f}_{\mathrm{D}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \gamma}\right)-\mathcal{R}_{L, P}^{*} \\
& \leq 9\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left\|\mathbf{1}_{A_{j}} f_{0}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{j}}^{2}+\mathcal{R}_{L, P}\left(f_{0}\right)-\mathcal{R}_{L, P}^{*}\right)+C\left(a^{2 p} n^{-1}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+3\left(\frac{432 c_{N E}^{\frac{q}{q+1}} \tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}+\frac{30 \tau}{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

with probability $\mathrm{P}^{n}$ not less than $1-3 e^{-\tau}$, where $C>0$ is a constant only depending on $p$.
Proof of Theorem B.1. One can obtain the result directly by an application of Eberts and Steinwart (2015, Theorem 5). To this end, we note that the hinge loss is Lipschitz continuous and can be clipped at $M=1$. Since $H$ is the sum-RKHS of RKHSs with Gaussian kernels and the Gaussian kernel is bounded, w.l.o.g. we assume for $f_{0} \in H$ that $\left\|f_{0}\right\|_{\infty} \leq 1$. Hence, $\left\|L \circ f_{0}\right\|_{\infty} \leq 2$ and therefore $B_{0}=2$. Furthermore Steinwart and Christmann (2008, Theorem 8.24) showed that for the hinge loss the constants $V$ and $\vartheta$ from Eberts and Steinwart (2015), Theorem 5) can be achieved by $V=6 c_{\mathrm{NE}}^{\frac{q}{q+1}}$ and $\vartheta=\frac{q}{q+1}$. That means

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left\|f_{\mathrm{D}_{j}, \lambda_{j}, \gamma_{j}}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{j}}^{2}+\mathcal{R}_{L, P}\left(\widehat{f}_{\mathrm{D}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}}\right)-\mathcal{R}_{L, P}^{*} \\
& \leq 9\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left\|\mathbf{1}_{A_{j}} f_{0}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{j}}^{2}+\mathcal{R}_{L, P}\left(f_{0}\right)-\mathcal{R}_{L, P}^{*}\right)+C\left(\frac{a^{2 p}}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{2-p-\vartheta+\vartheta p}}+3\left(\frac{72 V \tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{2-\vartheta}}+\frac{15 B_{0} \tau}{n} \\
& =9\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}\left\|\mathbf{1}_{A_{j}} f_{0}\right\|_{\hat{H}_{j}}^{2}+\mathcal{R}_{L, P}\left(f_{0}\right)-\mathcal{R}_{L, P}^{*}\right)+C\left(\frac{a^{2 p}}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2-p}}+3\left(\frac{432 c_{\mathrm{NE}}^{\frac{q}{q+1}} \tau}{n}\right)^{\frac{q+1}{q+2}}+\frac{30 \tau}{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

holds with probability $\mathrm{P}^{n}$ not less than $1-3 e^{-\tau}$.

## C Some more details for results

In this section we give some more technical details the pseudo-code for local SVMs (Algorithm 11), and some more results of the experiments. Firstly, some more details on how the experiments were performed:

Hyperparameter grid We used liquidSVM's default grid: the $\lambda$ are geometrically spaced between $0.01 / \tilde{n}$ and $0.001 / \tilde{n}$ where $\tilde{n}$ is the number of samples contained in the $k-1$ folds currently used for training. The $\gamma$ are geometrically spaced between $5 r$ and $0.2 r \tilde{n}^{-1 / d}$ where $r$ is the radius of the cell, $d$ is the dimension of the data and $\tilde{n}$ is as above.

Spatial partitioning scheme The segmentation for mid-sized data sets $n \leq 50000$ finds centers for the Voronoi cells using the farthest-first-traversal algorithm on the entire data set. For larger data sets a random subsample of the full data set is created and the splitting described above is applied recursively.
In liquidSVM, this is achieved with value 6 for the partition argument to scripts/mc-svm.sh (or the -P 6 mode of svm-train).

Random Chunks scheme The data is split into random partitions of the specified size. In liquidSVM, this is achieved with value 1 for the partition argument to scripts/mc-svm.sh (or the -P 1 mode of svm-train).

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Algorithm 1 Local SVM training and testing.
Require: A training dataset \(D\), split into cells \(D_{1}, \ldots, D_{m}, m \geq 1\), a set \(\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}_{>0}\) of \(\gamma\)-candidates, a set \(\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}_{>0}\) of
    \(\lambda\)-candidates, the number of folds \(k\) for cross-validation, and a test set \(D^{T}\), split into cells \(D_{1}^{T}, \ldots, D_{m}^{T}\).
Ensure: Test error
    for all \(j=1, \ldots, m\) do
        Split the cell \(D_{j}\) into \(k\) random parts \(D_{j, 1}, \ldots, D_{j, k}\).
        for all \(\ell=1, \ldots, k\) do
            \(D_{j, \ell}^{\prime}:=D_{j} \backslash D_{j, \ell}\)
            cache pre-kernel matrix \(\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \rightarrow\left\|x_{1}-x_{2}\right\|_{2}\) for \(x_{1}, x_{2}\) in \(D_{j, \ell}^{\prime}\)
            for all \(\gamma \in \Gamma\) do
                    use cached pre-kernel matrix to calculate kernel matrix with bandwidth \(\gamma\)
                    for all \(\lambda \in \Lambda\) do
                    Train an SVM \(f_{D_{j, \ell}^{\prime}, \lambda, \gamma}\) of the form (4) (possibly using as warm-start the solution for the previous \(\lambda\)-candidate).
                    Calculate and save the validation risk \(\mathcal{R}_{L, D_{j, \ell}}\left(f_{D_{j, \ell}^{\prime}, \lambda, \gamma}\right)\)
            end for
            Let \(f_{D_{j}, \lambda, \gamma}\) be the linear combination of the \(\left(f_{D_{j, \ell}^{\prime}, \lambda, \gamma}\right)_{1 \leq \ell \leq k}\) with weights exponential in \(\mathcal{R}_{L, D_{j, \ell}}\left(f_{D_{j, \ell}^{\prime}, \lambda, \gamma}\right)\).
            Save the validation risk \(\mathcal{R}_{L, D_{j}}\left(f_{D_{j}, \lambda, \gamma}\right)\)
                end for
        end for
    end for
    for all \(j=1, \ldots, m\) do
        Select the \(\gamma_{j}, \lambda_{j}\)-combination minimizing the combined validation risk.
    end for
    for all \(j=1, \ldots, m\) do
        Calculate test error \(\mathcal{R}_{L, D_{j}^{T}}\left(f_{D_{j}, \lambda_{j}, \gamma_{j}}\right)\) on test cell \(D_{j}^{T}\).
    end for
    return global test error \(\frac{1}{\left|D^{T}\right|} \sum_{j=1}^{m}\left|D_{j}^{T}\right| \cdot \mathcal{R}_{L, D_{j}^{T}}\left(f_{D_{j}, \lambda_{j}, \gamma_{j}}\right)\).
```

Table 6: Training times divided by the product of training set size, cell size and dimension (in seconds times $10^{9}$ ). This shows that the time complexity in (1) is fulfilled quite nicely.

|  | 2000 | 5000 | 10000 | 15000 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | training time |  |  |  |
| HIGGS | 33 | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| HEPMASS | 22 | 19 | 19 | 20 |
| GASSENSOR | 20 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| SUSY | 45 | 39 | 38 | 38 |
| COVTYPE | 10 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| COD-RNA | 52 | 51 | 45 | 48 |
| SKIN | 116 | 117 | 106 | 111 |



Figure 4: Training time vs. test error, this is the final trade-off.

