

Supplement

The supplement contains the detailed proofs of our results (Section A), a few technical lemmas used during these arguments (Section B), the McDiarmid inequality for self-containedness (Section C), and the pseudocode of the two-sample test performed in Experiment-2 (Section D).

A. Proofs of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2

This section contains the detailed proofs of Theorem 1 (Section A.1) and Theorem 2 (Section A.2).

A.1. Proof of Theorem 1

The structure of the proof is as follows:

1. We show that $\|\hat{\mu}_{\mathbb{P},Q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}\|_K \leq (1 + \sqrt{2})r_{Q,N}$, where $r_{Q,N} = \sup_{f \in B_K} \text{MON}_Q \left[\underbrace{\langle f, K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K}_{f(x) - \mathbb{P}f} \right]$, i.e. the analysis can be reduced to B_K .
2. Then $r_{Q,N}$ is bounded using empirical processes.

Step-1: Since \mathcal{H}_K is an inner product space, for any $f \in \mathcal{H}_K$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f - K(\cdot, x)\|_K^2 - \|\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - K(\cdot, x)\|_K^2 \\ &= \|f - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}\|_K^2 - 2 \langle f - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}, K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Hence, by denoting $e = \hat{\mu}_{\mathbb{P},Q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}$, $\tilde{g} = g - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|e\|_K^2 - 2r_{Q,N} \|e\|_K \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \|e\|_K^2 - 2\text{MON}_Q \left[\left\langle \frac{e}{\|e\|_K}, K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \right\rangle \right]_K \|e\|_K \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \text{MON}_Q \left[\|e\|_K^2 - 2 \left\langle \frac{e}{\|e\|_K}, K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \right\rangle \right]_K \|e\|_K \\ &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} \text{MON}_Q \left[\|\hat{\mu}_{\mathbb{P},Q} - K(\cdot, x)\|_K^2 - \|\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - K(\cdot, x)\|_K^2 \right] \\ &\stackrel{(d)}{\leq} \sup_{g \in \mathcal{H}_K} \text{MON}_Q \left[\|\hat{\mu}_{\mathbb{P},Q} - K(\cdot, x)\|_K^2 - \|g - K(\cdot, x)\|_K^2 \right] \\ &\stackrel{(e)}{\leq} \sup_{g \in \mathcal{H}_K} \text{MON}_Q \left[\|\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - K(\cdot, x)\|_K^2 - \|g - K(\cdot, x)\|_K^2 \right] \\ &\stackrel{(f)}{=} \sup_{g \in \mathcal{H}_K} \left\{ 2\text{MON}_Q \left[\underbrace{\langle \tilde{g}, K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K}_{\|\tilde{g}\|_K \langle \frac{\tilde{g}}{\|\tilde{g}\|_K}, K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K} \right] - \|\tilde{g}\|_K^2 \right\} \\ &\stackrel{(g)}{=} \sup_{g \in \mathcal{H}_K} \left\{ 2 \|\tilde{g}\|_K r_{Q,N} - \|\tilde{g}\|_K^2 \right\} \stackrel{(h)}{\leq} r_{Q,N}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where we used in (a) the definition of $r_{Q,N}$, (b) the linearity⁷ of $\text{MON}_Q [\cdot]$, (c) Eq. (14), (d) \sup_g , (e) the definition of

⁷ $\text{MON}_Q [c_1 + c_2 f] = c_1 + c_2 \text{MON}_Q [f]$ for any $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

$\hat{\mu}_{\mathbb{P},Q}$, (f) Eq. (14) and the linearity of $\text{MON}_Q [\cdot]$, (g) the definition of $r_{Q,N}$. In step (h), by denoting $a = \|\tilde{g}\|_K$, $r = r_{Q,N}$, the argument of the sup takes the form $2ar - a^2$; $2ar - a^2 \leq r^2 \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq r^2 - 2ar + a^2 = (r - a)^2$.

In Eq. (15), we obtained an equation $a^2 - 2ra \leq r^2$ where $a := \|e\|_K \geq 0$. Hence $r^2 + 2ra - a^2 \geq 0$, $r_{1,2} = [-2a \pm \sqrt{4a^2 + 4r^2}] / 2 = (-1 \pm \sqrt{2})a$, thus by the non-negativity of a , $r \geq (-1 + \sqrt{2})a$, i.e., $a \leq \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}-1} = (\sqrt{2} + 1)r$. In other words, we arrived at

$$\|\hat{\mu}_{\mathbb{P},Q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}\|_K \leq (1 + \sqrt{2})r_{Q,N}. \quad (16)$$

It remains to upper bound $r_{Q,N}$.

Step-2: Our goal is to provide a probabilistic bound on

$$\begin{aligned} r_{Q,N} &= \sup_{f \in B_K} \text{MON}_Q [x \mapsto \langle f, K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K] \\ &= \sup_{f \in B_K} \med_{q \in [Q]} \underbrace{\{\langle f, \mu_{S_q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K\}}_{=: r(f, q)}. \end{aligned}$$

The N_c corrupted samples can affect (at most) N_c of the $(S_q)_{q \in [Q]}$ blocks. Let $U := [Q] \setminus C$ stand for the indices of the uncorrupted sets, where $C := \{q \in [Q] : \exists n_j \text{ s.t. } n_j \in S_q, j \in [N_c]\}$ contains the indices of the corrupted sets. If

$$\forall f \in B_K : \underbrace{|\{q \in U : r(f, q) \geq \epsilon\}|}_{\sum_{q \in U} \mathbb{I}_{r(f, q) \geq \epsilon}} + N_c \leq \frac{Q}{2}, \quad (17)$$

then for $\forall f \in B_K$, $\med_{q \in [Q]} \{r(f, q)\} \leq \epsilon$, i.e. $\sup_{f \in B_K} \med_{q \in [Q]} \{r(f, q)\} \leq \epsilon$. Thus, our task boils down to controlling the event in (17) by appropriately choosing ϵ .

- **Controlling $r(f, q)$:** For any $f \in B_K$ the random variables $\langle f, k(\cdot, x_i) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_K} = f(x_i) - \mathbb{P}f$ are independent, have zero mean, and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{x_i \sim \mathbb{P}} \langle f, k(\cdot, x_i) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K^2 &= \langle f, \Sigma_{\mathbb{P}} f \rangle_K \\ &\leq \|f\|_K \|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}} f\|_K \leq \|f\|_K^2 \|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\| = \|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\| \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

using the reproducing property of the kernel and the covariance operator, the Cauchy-Schwarz (CBS) inequality and $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K} = 1$.

For a zero-mean random variable z by the Chebyshev's inequality $\mathbb{P}(z > a) \leq \mathbb{P}(|z| > a) \leq \mathbb{E}(z^2)/a^2$, which implies $\mathbb{P}(z > \sqrt{\mathbb{E}(z^2)/\alpha}) \leq \alpha$ by a $\alpha = \mathbb{E}(z^2)/a^2$ substitution. With $z := r(f, q)$ ($q \in U$), using $\mathbb{E}[z^2] = \mathbb{E} \langle f, \mu_{S_q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K^2 = \frac{Q}{N} \mathbb{E}_{x_i \sim \mathbb{P}} \langle f, k(\cdot, x_i) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K^2$ and Eq. (18) one gets that for all $f \in B_K$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $q \in U$: $\mathbb{P}(r(f, q) > \sqrt{\frac{\|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\| Q}{\alpha N}}) \leq \alpha$. This means

$$\mathbb{P}(r(f, q) > \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \leq \alpha \text{ with } \epsilon \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{\|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\| Q}{\alpha N}}.$$

- **Reduction to ϕ :** As a result

$$\sum_{q \in U} \mathbb{P} \left(r(f, q) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right) \leq |U| \alpha$$

happens if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{q \in U} \mathbb{I}_{r(f, q) \geq \epsilon} \\ & \leq |U| \alpha + \sum_{q \in U} \left[\mathbb{I}_{r(f, q) \geq \epsilon} - \underbrace{\mathbb{P} \left(r(f, q) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right)}_{\mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{I}_{r(f, q) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2}} \right]} \right] =: A. \end{aligned}$$

Let us introduce $\phi : t \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (t-1)\mathbb{I}_{1 \leq t \leq 2} + \mathbb{I}_{t \geq 2}$. ϕ is 1-Lipschitz and satisfies $\mathbb{I}_{2 \leq t} \leq \phi(t) \leq \mathbb{I}_{1 \leq t}$ for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence, we can upper bound A as

$$A \leq |U| \alpha + \sum_{q \in U} \left[\phi \left(\frac{2r(f, q)}{\epsilon} \right) - \mathbb{E} \phi \left(\frac{2r(f, q)}{\epsilon} \right) \right]$$

by noticing that $\epsilon \leq r(f, q) \Leftrightarrow 2 \leq 2r(f, q)/\epsilon$ and $\epsilon/2 \leq r(f, q) \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq 2r(f, q)/\epsilon$, and by using the $\mathbb{I}_{2 \leq t} \leq \phi(t)$ and the $\phi(t) \leq \mathbb{I}_{1 \leq t}$ bound, respectively. Taking supremum over B_K we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{f \in B_K} \sum_{q \in U} \mathbb{I}_{r(f, q) \geq \epsilon} \\ & \leq |U| \alpha + \underbrace{\sup_{f \in B_K} \sum_{q \in U} \left[\phi \left(\frac{2r(f, q)}{\epsilon} \right) - \mathbb{E} \phi \left(\frac{2r(f, q)}{\epsilon} \right) \right]}_{=: Z}. \end{aligned}$$

- **Concentration of Z around its mean:** Notice that Z is a function of x_V , the samples in the uncorrupted blocks; $V = \cup_{q \in U} S_q$. By the bounded difference property of Z (Lemma 4) for any $\beta > 0$, the McDiarmid inequality (Lemma 6; we choose $\tau := Q\beta^2/8$ to get linear scaling in Q on the r.h.s.) implies that

$$\mathbb{P}(Z < \mathbb{E}_{x_V}[Z] + Q\beta) \geq 1 - e^{-\frac{Q\beta^2}{8}}.$$

- **Bounding $\mathbb{E}_{x_V}[Z]$:** Let $M = N/Q$ denote the number of elements in S_q -s. The $\mathcal{G} = \{g_f : f \in B_K\}$ class with $g_f : \mathcal{X}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{P}_M := \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \delta_{u_m}$ defined as

$$g_f(u_{1:M}) = \phi \left(\frac{\langle f, \mu_{\mathbb{P}_M} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K}{\epsilon} \right)$$

is uniformly bounded separable Carathéodory (Lemma 5), hence the symmetrization technique (Steinwart & Christmann, 2008, Prop. 7.10), (Ledoux & Talagrand, 1991) gives

$$\mathbb{E}_{x_V}[Z] \leq 2 \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}} \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \sum_{q \in U} e_q \phi \left(\frac{2r(f, q)}{\epsilon} \right) \right|,$$

where $\mathbf{e} = (e_q)_{q \in U} \in \mathbb{R}^{|U|}$ with i.i.d. Rademacher entries $[\mathbb{P}(e_q = \pm 1) = \frac{1}{2} (\forall q)]$.

- **Discarding ϕ :** Since $\phi(0) = 0$ and ϕ is 1-Lipschitz, by Talagrand's contraction principle of Rademacher processes (Ledoux & Talagrand, 1991), (Koltchinskii, 2011, Theorem 2.3) one gets

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}} \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \sum_{q \in U} e_q \phi \left(\frac{2r(f, q)}{\epsilon} \right) \right| \\ & \leq 2 \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}} \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \sum_{q \in U} e_q \frac{2r(f, q)}{\epsilon} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

- **Switching from $|U|$ to N terms:** Applying an other symmetrization [(a)], the CBS inequality, $f \in B_K$, and the Jensen inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}} \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \sum_{q=1}^Q e_q \frac{r(f, q)}{\epsilon} \right| \\ & \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{2Q}{\epsilon N} \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}'} \left[\sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \underbrace{\sum_{n \in V} e'_n \langle f, K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K}_{= \langle f, \sum_{n \in V} e'_n [K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}] \rangle_K} \right| \right] \\ & = \frac{2Q}{\epsilon N} \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}'} \left\| \sum_{n \in V} e'_n [K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}] \right\|_K \\ & \leq \frac{2Q}{\epsilon N} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}'} \left\| \sum_{n \in V} e'_n [K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}] \right\|_K^2} \\ & \stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{2Q \sqrt{|V| \text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}})}}{\epsilon N}. \end{aligned}$$

In (a), we proceed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}} \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \sum_{q \in U} e_q \frac{r(f, q)}{\epsilon} \right| \\ & = \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}} \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \sum_{q \in U} e_q \frac{\langle f, \mu_{S_q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K}{\epsilon} \right| \\ & \stackrel{(c)}{\leq} \frac{2Q}{N\epsilon} \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}'} \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \sum_{n \in V} e'_n e''_n \langle f, K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K \right| \\ & = \frac{2Q}{N\epsilon} \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}'} \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \sum_{n \in V} e'_n \langle f, K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K \right|, \end{aligned}$$

where in (c) we applied symmetrization, $\mathbf{e}' = (e'_n)_{n \in V} \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$ with i.i.d. Rademacher entries, $e''_n = e_q$ if $n \in S_q$ ($q \in U$), and

we used that $(e'_n e''_n \langle f, K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K)_{n \in V} \stackrel{\text{distr}}{=} (e'_n \langle f, K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K)_{n \in V}$.
 In step (b), we had

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}'} \left\| \sum_{n \in V} e'_n [K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}] \right\|_K^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{x_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}'} \sum_{n \in V} [e'_n]^2 \langle K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}, K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K \\ &= |V| \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}} \langle K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}, K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K \\ &= |V| \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}} \text{Tr} ([K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}] \otimes [K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}]) \\ &= |V| \text{Tr} (\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}) \end{aligned}$$

exploiting the independence of e'_n -s and $[e'_n]^2 = 1$.

Until this point we showed that for all $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, $\beta > 0$, if $\epsilon \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{\|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\|Q}{\alpha N}}$ then

$$\sup_{f \in B_K} \sum_{q=1}^Q \mathbb{I}_{r(f, q) \geq \epsilon} \leq |U|\alpha + Q\beta + \frac{8Q\sqrt{|V| \text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}})}}{\epsilon N}$$

with probability at least $1 - e^{-\frac{Q\beta^2}{8}}$. Thus, to ensure that $\sup_{f \in B_K} \sum_{q=1}^Q \mathbb{I}_{r(f, q) \geq \epsilon} + N_c \leq Q/2$ it is sufficient to choose $(\alpha, \beta, \epsilon)$ such that $|U|\alpha + Q\beta + \frac{8Q\sqrt{|V| \text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}})}}{\epsilon N} + N_c \leq \frac{Q}{2}$, and in this case $\|\hat{\mu}_{\mathbb{P}, Q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}\|_K \leq (1 + \sqrt{2})\epsilon$. Applying the $|U| \leq Q$ and $|V| \leq N$ bounds, we want to have

$$Q\alpha + Q\beta + \frac{8Q\sqrt{\text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}})}}{\epsilon\sqrt{N}} + N_c \leq \frac{Q}{2}. \quad (19)$$

Choosing $\alpha = \beta = \frac{\delta}{3}$ in Eq. (19), the sum of the first two terms is $Q\frac{2\delta}{3}$; $\epsilon \geq \max \left(2\sqrt{\frac{3\|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\|Q}{\delta N}}, \frac{24}{\delta} \sqrt{\frac{\text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}})}{N}} \right)$ gives $\leq Q\frac{\delta}{3}$ for the third term. Since $N_c \leq Q(\frac{1}{2} - \delta)$, we got

$$\|\hat{\mu}_{\mathbb{P}, Q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}\|_K \leq c_1 \max \left(\sqrt{\frac{3\|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\|Q}{\delta N}}, \frac{12}{\delta} \sqrt{\frac{\text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}})}{N}} \right)$$

with probability at least $1 - e^{-\frac{Q\delta^2}{72}}$. With an $\eta = e^{-\frac{Q\delta^2}{72}}$, and hence $Q = \frac{72 \ln(\frac{1}{\eta})}{\delta^2}$ reparameterization Theorem 1 follows.

A.2. Proof of Theorem 2

The reasoning is similar to Theorem 1; we detail the differences below. The high-level structure of the proof is as follows:

- First we prove that $|\widehat{\text{MMD}}_Q(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) - \text{MMD}(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})| \leq r_{Q,N}$, where $r_{Q,N} = \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ \langle f, (\mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}}) - (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rangle_K \} \right|$.
- Then $r_{Q,N}$ is bounded.

Step-1:

- $\widehat{\text{MMD}}_Q(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) - \text{MMD}(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) \leq r_{Q,N}$: By the subadditivity of supremum $[\sup_f (a_f + b_f) \leq \sup_f a_f + \sup_f b_f]$ one gets

$$\begin{aligned} & \widehat{\text{MMD}}_Q(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) \\ &= \sup_{f \in B_K} \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ \langle f, (\mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}}) - (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) + (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rangle_K \} \\ &\leq \sup_{f \in B_K} \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ \langle f, (\mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}}) - (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rangle_K \} \\ &\quad + \sup_{f \in B_K} \langle f, \mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}} \rangle_K \\ &\leq \underbrace{\sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ \langle f, (\mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}}) - (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rangle_K \} \right|}_{=r_{Q,N}} \\ &\quad + \text{MMD}(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}). \end{aligned}$$

- $\text{MMD}_Q(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) - \widehat{\text{MMD}}_Q(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) \leq r_{Q,N}$: Let $a_f := \langle f, \mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}} \rangle_K$ and $b_f := \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ \langle f, (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) - (\mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}}) \rangle_K \}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & a_f - b_f \\ &= \langle f, \mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}} \rangle_K \\ &\quad + \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ \langle f, (\mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}}) - (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rangle_K \} \\ &= \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ \langle f, \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}} \rangle_K \} \end{aligned}$$

by $\text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{-z_q\} = -\text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{z_q\}$. Applying the $\sup_f (a_f - b_f) \geq \sup_f a_f - \sup_f b_f$ inequality (it follows from the subadditivity of sup):

$$\begin{aligned} & \widehat{\text{MMD}}_Q(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) \\ &\geq \text{MMD}(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) \\ &\quad - \sup_{f \in B_K} \underbrace{\text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ \langle f, (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) - (\mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}}) \rangle_K \}}_{-\text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ \langle f, (\mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}}) - (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rangle_K \}} \\ &\geq \text{MMD}(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) \\ &\quad - \underbrace{\sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ \langle f, (\mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}}) - (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rangle_K \} \right|}_{r_{Q,N}}. \end{aligned}$$

Step-2: Our goal is to control

$$\begin{aligned} r_{Q,N} &= \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{ r(f, q) \} \right|, \text{ where} \\ r(f, q) &:= \langle f, (\mu_{S_q, \mathbb{P}} - \mu_{S_q, \mathbb{Q}}) - (\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}) \rangle_K. \end{aligned}$$

The relevant quantities which change compared to the proof of Theorem 1 are as follows.

- **Median rephrasing:**

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{r(f, q)\} \right| &\leq \epsilon \\ \Leftrightarrow \forall f \in B_K : -\epsilon &\leq \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{r(f, q)\} \leq \epsilon \\ \Leftarrow \forall f \in B_K : |\{q : r(f, q) \leq -\epsilon\}| &\leq Q/2 \\ \text{and } |\{q : r(f, q) \geq \epsilon\}| &\leq Q/2 \\ \Leftarrow \forall f \in B_K : |\{q : |r(f, q)| \geq \epsilon\}| &\leq Q/2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\forall f \in B_K : |\{q \in U : |r(f, q)| \geq \epsilon\}| + N_c \leq \frac{Q}{2}$, implies $\sup_{f \in B_K} \left| \text{med}_{q \in [Q]} \{r(f, q)\} \right| \leq \epsilon$.

- **Controlling $|r(f, q)|$:** For any $f \in B_K$ the random variables $[f(x_i) - f(y_i)] - [\mathbb{P}f - \mathbb{Q}f]$ are independent, zero-mean and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \mathbb{P} \otimes \mathbb{Q}} ([f(x) - \mathbb{P}f] - [f(y) - \mathbb{Q}f])^2 \\ = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}} [f(x) - \mathbb{P}f]^2 + \mathbb{E}_{y \sim \mathbb{Q}} [f(y) - \mathbb{Q}f]^2 \\ \leq \|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\| + \|\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}\|, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbb{P} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ is the product measure. The Chebyshev argument with $z = |r(f, q)|$ implies that $\forall \alpha \in (0, 1)$

$$(\mathbb{P} \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \left(|r(f, q)| > \sqrt{\frac{(\|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\| + \|\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}\|)Q}{\alpha N}} \right) \leq \alpha.$$

This means $(\mathbb{P} \otimes \mathbb{Q})(|r(f, q)| > \epsilon/2) \leq \alpha$ with $\epsilon \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{(\|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\| + \|\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}\|)Q}{\alpha N}}$.

- **Switching from $|U|$ to N terms:** With $(xy)_V = \{(x_i, y_i) : i \in V\}$, in '(b)' with $\tilde{x}_n := K(\cdot, x_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}$, $\tilde{y}_n := K(\cdot, y_n) - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}$ we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}_{(xy)_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}'} \left\| \sum_{n \in V} e'_n (\tilde{x}_n - \tilde{y}_n) \right\|_K^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{(xy)_V} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}'} \sum_{n \in V} [e'_n]^2 \langle \tilde{x}_n - \tilde{y}_n, \tilde{x}_n - \tilde{y}_n \rangle_K \\ &= |V| \mathbb{E}_{(xy) \sim \mathbb{P}} \| [K(\cdot, x) - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}] - [K(\cdot, y) - \mu_{\mathbb{Q}}] \|_K \\ &= |V| [\text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}) + \text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}})]. \end{aligned}$$

- These results imply

$$Q\alpha + Q\beta + \frac{8Q\sqrt{\text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}) + \text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}})}}{\epsilon\sqrt{N}} + N_c \leq Q/2.$$

$\epsilon \geq \max \left(2\sqrt{\frac{3(\|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\| + \|\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}\|)Q}{\delta N}}, \frac{24}{\delta} \sqrt{\frac{\text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}) + \text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}})}{N}} \right)$, $\alpha = \beta = \frac{\delta}{3}$ choice gives that

$$\begin{aligned} &|\widehat{\text{MMD}}_Q(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) - \text{MMD}(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})| \\ &\leq 2 \max \left(\sqrt{\frac{3(\|\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}\| + \|\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}\|)Q}{\delta N}}, \frac{12}{\delta} \sqrt{\frac{\text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{P}}) + \text{Tr}(\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}})}{N}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

with probability at least $1 - e^{-\frac{Q\delta^2}{72}}$. $\eta = e^{-\frac{Q\delta^2}{72}}$, i.e. $Q = \frac{72 \ln(\frac{1}{\eta})}{\delta^2}$ reparameterization finishes the proof of Theorem 2.

B. Technical Lemmas

Lemma 3 (Supremum).

$$\left| \sup_f a_f - \sup_f b_f \right| \leq \sup_f |a_f - b_f|.$$

Lemma 4 (Bounded difference property of Z). Let $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $(S_q)_{q \in [Q]}$ be a partition of $[N]$, $K : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a kernel, μ be the mean embedding associated to K , $x_{1:N}$ be i.i.d. random variables on \mathcal{X} , $Z(x_V) = \sup_{f \in B_K} \sum_{q \in U} \left[\phi \left(\frac{2 \langle f, \mu_{S_q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K}{\epsilon} \right) - \mathbb{E} \phi \left(\frac{2 \langle f, \mu_{S_q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K}{\epsilon} \right) \right]$, where $U \subseteq [Q]$, $V = \cup_{q \in U} S_q$. Let x'_{V_i} be x_V except for the $i \in V$ -th coordinate; x_i is changed to x'_i . Then

$$\sup_{x_V \in \mathcal{X}^{|V|}, x'_i \in \mathcal{X}} |Z(x_V) - Z(x'_{V_i})| \leq 4, \forall i \in V.$$

Proof. Since $(S_q)_{q \in [Q]}$ is a partition of $[Q]$, $(S_q)_{q \in U}$ forms a partition of V and there exists a unique $r \in U$ such that $i \in S_r$. Let

$$Y_q := Y_q(f, x_V),$$

$$q \in U = \phi \left(\frac{2 \langle f, \mu_{S_q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K}{\epsilon} \right) - \mathbb{E} \phi \left(\frac{2 \langle f, \mu_{S_q} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K}{\epsilon} \right),$$

$$Y'_r := Y_r(f, x'_{V_i}).$$

In this case

$$\begin{aligned} &|Z(x_V) - Z(x'_{V_i})| \\ &= \left| \sup_{f \in B_K} \sum_{q \in U} Y_q - \sup_{f \in B_K} \left(\sum_{q \in U \setminus \{r\}} Y_q + Y'_r \right) \right| \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \sup_{f \in B_K} |Y_r - Y'_r| \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \sup_{f \in B_K} \left(\underbrace{|Y_r|}_{\leq 2} + \underbrace{|Y'_r|}_{\leq 2} \right) \leq 4, \end{aligned}$$

where in (a) we used Lemma 3, (b) the triangle inequality and the boundedness of ϕ $|\phi(t)| \leq 1$ for all t . \square

Lemma 5 (Uniformly bounded separable Carathéodory family). Let $\epsilon > 0$, $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $Q \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $M = N/Q \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\phi(t) = (t-1)\mathbb{I}_{1 \leq t \leq 2} + \mathbb{I}_{t \geq 2}$, $K : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous kernel on the separable topological domain \mathcal{X} , μ is the mean embedding associated to K , $\mathbb{P}_M := \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \delta_{u_m}$, $\mathcal{G} = \{g_f : f \in B_K\}$, where $g_f : \mathcal{X}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as

$$g_f(u_{1:M}) = \phi \left(\frac{2 \langle f, \mu_{\mathbb{P}_M} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_K}{\epsilon} \right).$$

Then \mathcal{G} is a uniformly bounded separable Carathéodory family: (i) $\sup_{f \in B_K} \|g_f\|_\infty < \infty$ where $\|g\|_\infty = \sup_{u_{1:M} \in \mathcal{X}^M} |g(u_{1:M})|$, (ii) $u_{1:M} \mapsto g_f(u_{1:M})$ is measurable for all $f \in B_K$, (iii) $f \mapsto g_f(u_{1:M})$ is continuous for all $u_{1:M} \in \mathcal{X}^M$, (iv) B_K is separable.

Proof.

- (i) $|\phi(t)| \leq 1$ for any t , hence $\|g_f\|_\infty \leq 1$ for all $f \in B_K$.
- (ii) Any $f \in B_K$ is continuous since $\mathcal{H}_K \subset C(\mathcal{X}) = \{h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ continuous}\}$, so $u_{1:M} \mapsto (f(u_1), \dots, f(u_M))$ is continuous. ϕ is Lipschitz, specifically continuous. The continuity of these two maps imply that of $u_{1:M} \mapsto g_f(u_{1:M})$, specifically it is Borel-measurable.
- (ii) The statement follows by the continuity of $f \mapsto \langle f, h \rangle_K$ ($h = \mu_{\mathbb{P}_M} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}}$) and that of ϕ .
- (iv) B_K is separable since \mathcal{H}_K is so by assumption.

□

C. External Lemma

Below we state the McDiarmid inequality for self-containedness.

Lemma 6 (McDiarmid inequality). *Let $x_{1:N}$ be \mathcal{X} -valued independent random variables. Assume that $f : \mathcal{X}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the bounded difference property*

$$\sup_{u_1, \dots, u_N, u'_r \in \mathcal{X}} |f(u_{1:N}) - f(u'_{1:N})| \leq c, \quad \forall n \in [N],$$

where $u'_{1:N} = (u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}, u'_n, u_{n+1}, \dots, u_N)$. Then for any $\tau > 0$

$$\mathbb{P} \left(f(x_{1:N}) < \mathbb{E}_{x_{1:N}} [f(x_{1:N})] + c \sqrt{\frac{\tau N}{2}} \right) \geq 1 - e^{-\tau}.$$

D. Pseudocode of Experiment-2

The pseudocode of the two-sample test conducted in Experiment-2 is summarized in Algorithm 3.

Algorithm 3 Two-sample test (Experiment-2)

Input: Two samples: $(X_n)_{n \in [N]}, (Y_n)_{n \in [N]}$. Number of bootstrap permutations: $B \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Level of the test: $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Kernel function with hyperparameter $\theta \in \Theta$: K_θ .

Split the dataset randomly into 3 equal parts:

$$[N] = \bigcup_{i=1}^3 I_i, \quad |I_1| = |I_2| = |I_3|.$$

Tune the hyperparameters using the 1st part of the dataset:

$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} J_\theta := \widehat{\text{MMD}}_\theta ((X_n)_{n \in I_1}, (Y_n)_{n \in I_1}).$$

Estimate the $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of $\widehat{\text{MMD}}_{\hat{\theta}}$ under the null, using B bootstrap permutations from $(X_n)_{n \in I_2} \cup (Y_n)_{n \in I_2}$: $\hat{q}_{1-\alpha}$.

Compute the test statistic on the third part of the dataset:

$$T_{\hat{\theta}} = \widehat{\text{MMD}}_{\hat{\theta}} ((X_n)_{n \in I_3}, (Y_n)_{n \in I_3}).$$

Output: $T_{\hat{\theta}} - \hat{q}_{1-\alpha}$.
