# Soft-margin SVMs in the HDLSS context

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#### 1 Introduction

Suppose we have independent and *d*-variate two populations,  $\Pi_i$ , i = 1, 2, having an unknown mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_i$  and unknown covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i$  for each *i*. We have independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) observations,  $\boldsymbol{x}_{i1}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{x}_{in_i}$ , from each  $\Pi_i$ . We assume  $n_i \geq 2$ , i = 1, 2. Let  $\boldsymbol{x}_0$  be an observation vector of an individual belonging to one of the two populations. Let  $N = n_1 + n_2$ . We assume  $\boldsymbol{x}_0$  and  $\boldsymbol{x}_{ij}$ s are independent.

In this paper, we consider classification in the High-dimension, low-sample-size (HDLSS) context such as  $d \to \infty$  while N is fixed. Hall et al. [7], Chan and Hall [5] and Aoshima and Yata [2] considered distance-based classifiers. In particular, Aoshima and Yata [2] gave the misclassification rate adjusted classifier for multiclass, high-dimensional data in which misclassification rates are no more than specified thresholds. On the other hand, Aoshima and Yata [1, 3] considered geometric classifiers based on a geometric representation of HDLSS data. Aoshima and Yata [4] considered quadratic classifiers in general and discussed asymptotic properties and optimality of the classifiers under high-dimension, non-sparse settings. For linear support vector machine (SVM) in HDLSS settings, Hall et al. [6], Chan and Hall [5] and Qiao and Zhang [11] showed that the misclassification rates tend to zero as  $d \to \infty$  under certain severe conditions. Nakayama et al. [8] investigated asymptotic properties of linear SVM for HDLSS data. They proposed a bias-corrected linear SVM and showed that it gives preferable performances compared to linear SVM. Nakayama [9] investigated asymptotic

properties of a soft-margin linear SVM. On the other hand, Nakayama et al. [10] investigated asymptotic properties of SVM with the Gaussian kernel for HDLSS data.

In this paper, we consider the soft-margin SVM as follows:

$$y(\boldsymbol{x}) = \boldsymbol{w}^T \phi(\boldsymbol{x}) + b, \tag{1}$$

where  $\phi(\cdot)$  is a feature map,  $\boldsymbol{w}$  is a weight vector and b is an intercept term. Let us write that  $(\boldsymbol{x}_1, \ldots, \boldsymbol{x}_N) = (\boldsymbol{x}_{11}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{x}_{1n_1}, \boldsymbol{x}_{21}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{x}_{2n_2})$ . Let  $t_j = -1$  for  $j = 1, \ldots, n_1$  and  $t_j = 1$  for  $j = n_1 + 1, \ldots, N$ . By differentiating the Lagrangian formulation with respect to  $\boldsymbol{w}$  and b, we obtain the following dual form:

$$L(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \alpha_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sum_{j'=1}^{N} \alpha_j \alpha_{j'} t_j t_{j'} k(\boldsymbol{x}_j, \boldsymbol{x}_{j'}),$$

where  $k(\boldsymbol{x}_j, \boldsymbol{x}_{j'}) = \phi(\boldsymbol{x}_j)^T \phi(\boldsymbol{x}_{j'})$  is a kernel function, and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)^T$  and  $\alpha_j$ s are Lagrange multipliers such as  $\boldsymbol{w} = \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j t_j \phi(\boldsymbol{x}_j)$ . The optimization problem can be transformed into the following: argmax  $L(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$  subject to

$$0 \le \alpha_j \le C, \ j = 1, \dots, N, \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j t_j = 0,$$
 (2)

where C(>0) is a regularization parameter. Let us write that

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = (\hat{\alpha}_1, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_N)^T = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} L(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \text{ subject to (2).}$$

There exist some  $\boldsymbol{x}_j$ s satisfying that  $t_j \boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_j) = 1$  (i.e.,  $\hat{\alpha}_j \neq 0$ ). Such  $\boldsymbol{x}_j$ s are called the support vector. Let  $\hat{S} = \{j | \hat{\alpha}_j \neq 0, \ j = 1, \dots, N\}$  and  $N_{\hat{S}} = \#\hat{S}$ , where #A denotes the number of elements in a set A. The intercept term is given by  $\hat{b} = N_{\hat{S}}^{-1} \sum_{j \in \hat{S}} \{t_j - \sum_{j' \in \hat{S}} \hat{\alpha}_{j'} t_{j'} k(\boldsymbol{x}_j, \boldsymbol{x}_{j'})\}$ . Then, the classifier in (1) is defined by

$$\hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{j \in \hat{S}} \hat{\alpha}_j t_j k(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{x}_j) + \hat{b}.$$
(3)

Finally, in SVM, one classifies  $x_0$  into  $\Pi_1$  if  $\hat{y}(x_0) < 0$  and into  $\Pi_2$  otherwise. See Vapnik [12] for the details. Let e(i) denote the error rate of misclassifying an individual from  $\Pi_i$  into the other class for i = 1, 2. We claim that a classifier has consistency if

$$e(i) = o(1)$$
 as  $d \to \infty$  for  $i = 1, 2.$  (4)

In this paper, we investigate the following typical kernels for the soft-margin SVM:

- (I) The Gaussian kernel:  $k(\boldsymbol{x}_j, \boldsymbol{x}_{j'}) = \exp(-\|\boldsymbol{x}_j \boldsymbol{x}_{j'}\|^2/\gamma)$  and
- (II) The polynomial kernel:  $k(\boldsymbol{x}_j, \boldsymbol{x}_{j'}) = (\zeta + \boldsymbol{x}_j^T \boldsymbol{x}_{j'})^r$ ,

where  $\gamma(>0)$  is a scale parameter and  $\zeta \ge 0$  and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In Section 2, we investigate asymptotic properties of the soft-margin SVM with the Gaussian kernel. In Section 3, we investigate asymptotic properties of the soft-margin SVM with the polynomial kernel. We show that the SVMs are heavily biased in the HDLSS context especially for imbalanced data. In order to overcome such difficulties, we propose a bias-corrected SVM in Section 4. In Section 5, we check the performance of the BC-SVM by numerical simulations.

## 2 Asymptotic properties of the soft-margin SVM with the Gaussian kernel

We assume that  $\limsup_{d\to\infty} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_i\|^2/d < \infty$  and  $\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)/d \in (0,\infty)$  as  $d\to\infty$  for i=1,2. Here, for a function,  $f(\cdot)$ , " $f(d) \in (0,\infty)$  as  $d\to\infty$ " implies  $\liminf_{d\to\infty} f(d) > 0$  and  $\limsup_{d\to\infty} f(d) < \infty$ . Similar to Aoshima and Yata [2], we assume the following assumption for  $\Pi_i$ s as necessary:

(A-i) Let  $\boldsymbol{z}_{ij}, j = 1, ..., n_i$ , be i.i.d. random  $p_i$ -vectors having  $E(\boldsymbol{z}_{ij}) = \boldsymbol{0}$  and  $\operatorname{Var}(\boldsymbol{z}_{ij}) = \boldsymbol{I}_{p_i}$  for each  $i \ (= 1, 2)$  and some  $p_i$ . Let  $\boldsymbol{z}_{ij} = (z_{i1j}, \ldots, z_{ip_ij})^{\top}$  whose components satisfy that  $\limsup_{d\to\infty} E(z_{irj}^4) < \infty$  for all r and

$$E(z_{irj}^2 z_{isj}^2) = E(z_{irj}^2)E(z_{isj}^2) = 1$$
 and  $E(z_{irj} z_{isj} z_{itj} z_{iuj}) = 0$ 

for all  $r \neq s, t, u$ . Then, the observations,  $\boldsymbol{x}_{ij}$ s, from each  $\Pi_i$  (i = 1, 2) are given by  $\boldsymbol{x}_{ij} = \Gamma_i \boldsymbol{z}_{ij} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \ j = 1, \ldots, n_i$ , where  $\Gamma_i$  is a  $d \times p_i$  matrix such that  $\Gamma_i \Gamma_i^{\top} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i$ .

Note that (A-i) naturally holds when the  $\Pi_i$ s are Gaussian.

We consider the soft-margin Gaussian kernel SVM (sm-GSVM), that is, the classifier (3) with the Gaussian kernel. Let  $\Delta_{\mu} = \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2\|^2$ . Let  $\kappa_{1(I)} = \exp\{-2\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1)/\gamma\}$ ,  $\kappa_{2(I)} = \exp\{-2\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2)/\gamma\}$ ,  $\kappa_{3(I)} = \exp[-\{\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1) + \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2) + \Delta_{\mu}\}/\gamma]$ , and

$$\Delta_{(I)} = \kappa_{1(I)} + \kappa_{2(I)} - 2\kappa_{3(I)} \text{ and} \eta_{i(I)} = 1 - \exp(-2\text{tr}(\Sigma_i)/\gamma) \text{ for } i = 1, 2$$

We note that  $\Delta_{(I)} > 0$  when  $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$  or tr $(\Sigma_1) \neq$  tr $(\Sigma_2)$ . We consider the following condition:

$$\liminf_{d \to \infty} \frac{\eta_{i(I)}}{\Delta_{(I)}} > 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2.$$
(5)

Let  $\Delta_{*(I)} = \Delta_{(I)} + \eta_{1(I)}/n_1 + \eta_{2(I)}/n_2$  and  $n_{\min} = \min\{n_1, n_2\}$ . We consider the following condition for C:

$$\liminf_{d \to \infty} \frac{C\Delta_{*(I)} n_{\min}}{2} > 1.$$
(6)

Let  $\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\min}) = \min_{i=1,2} \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)$  and  $\psi = \exp\{-2\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\min})/\gamma\}$ . We assume the following condition as  $d \to \infty$ :

(A-ii) 
$$\frac{\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{i}^{2}) + \Delta_{\mu} \{\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{i}^{2})\}^{1/2}}{\min\{\gamma^{2} \Delta_{(I)}^{2}/\psi^{2}, \gamma^{2}\}} = o(1) \text{ for } i = 1, 2.$$

Let  $\delta_{(I)} = \eta_{1(I)}/n_1 - \eta_{2(I)}/n_2$ . Let  $\hat{y}_{(I)}(\boldsymbol{x}_0)$  denote  $\hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_0)$  given by using the kernel function (I). Then, from Sections 2 and 6 in Nakayama et al. [10], we have the following results.

**Theorem 1.** Assume (A-i) and (A-ii). Assume also (5) and (6). Then, it holds that as  $d \to \infty$ 

$$\hat{y}_{(I)}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) = \frac{\Delta_{(I)}}{\Delta_{*(I)}} \left( (-1)^i + \frac{\delta_{(I)}}{\Delta_{(I)}} + o_P(1) \right) \quad when \; \boldsymbol{x}_0 \in \Pi_i \; for \; i = 1, 2.$$

Assume also

(A-iii)  $\limsup_{d\to\infty} \frac{|\delta_{(I)}|}{\Delta_{(I)}} < 1.$ 

Then, the sm-GSVM holds consistency (4).

Corollary 1. For the sm-GSVM, one can claim that

$$\begin{split} e(1) &= 1 + o(1) \quad and \quad e(2) = o(1) \quad as \ d \to \infty \\ if \quad \liminf_{d \to \infty} \frac{\delta_{(I)}}{\Delta_{(I)}} > 1; \quad and \\ e(1) &= o(1) \quad and \quad e(2) = 1 + o(1) \quad as \ d \to \infty \\ if \quad \limsup_{d \to \infty} \frac{\delta_{(I)}}{\Delta_{(I)}} < -1. \end{split}$$

under (A-i), (A-ii) and (5) and (6).

From Corollary 1, if  $|\delta_{(I)}|$  is larger than  $\Delta_{(I)}$ , the sm-GSVM would give a bad performance. In order to overcome such difficulties, we propose a bias-corrected SVM in Section 4.

# 3 Asymptotic properties of the soft-margin SVM with the polynomial kernel

In this section, we consider the soft-margin polynomial kernel SVM (sm-PSVM), that is, the classifier (3) with the polynomial kernel.

Let  $\kappa_{1(II)} = (\zeta + \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_1\|^2)^r$ ,  $\kappa_{2(II)} = (\zeta + \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_2\|^2)^r$ ,  $\kappa_{3(II)} = (\zeta + \boldsymbol{\mu}_1^T \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)^r$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{(II)} &= \kappa_{1(II)} + \kappa_{2(II)} - 2\kappa_{3(II)} \text{ and} \\ \eta_{i(II)} &= (\zeta + \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i) + \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_i\|^2)^r - \kappa_{i(II)} \text{ for } i = 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

We consider the following condition:

$$\liminf_{d \to \infty} \frac{\eta_{i(II)}}{\Delta_{(II)}} > 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2.$$
(7)

Let  $\Delta_{*(II)} = \Delta_{(II)} + \eta_{1(II)}/n_1 + \eta_{2(II)}/n_2$ . We consider the following condition for C:

$$\liminf_{d \to \infty} \frac{C\Delta_{*(II)} n_{\min}}{2} > 1.$$
(8)

We assume the following conditions for  $\zeta$  and r:

$$\zeta/d \in (0,\infty) \text{ and } r \in (0,\infty) \text{ as } d \to \infty.$$
 (9)

We also assume the following condition:

(A-iv) 
$$\liminf_{d\to\infty} \left| \frac{\|\boldsymbol{\mu}_1\|^2 - \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_2\|^2}{d} \right| > 0.$$

Let  $\delta_{(II)} = \eta_{1(II)}/n_1 - \eta_{2(II)}/n_2$ . Let  $\hat{y}_{(II)}(\boldsymbol{x}_0)$  denote  $\hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_0)$  given by using the kernel function (II). Then, from Sections 2 and 7 in Nakayama et al. [10], we have the following results.

**Theorem 2.** Assume (A-i) and (A-iv). Assume also (7) to (9). Then, it holds that as  $d \to \infty$ 

$$\hat{y}_{(II)}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0}) = \frac{\Delta_{(II)}}{\Delta_{*(II)}} \left( (-1)^{i} + \frac{\delta_{(II)}}{\Delta_{(II)}} + o_{P}(1) \right) \quad when \; \boldsymbol{x}_{0} \in \Pi_{i} \; for \; i = 1, 2.$$

Assume also

 $\textbf{(A-v)} \ \limsup_{d\to\infty} \frac{|\delta_{(II)}|}{\Delta_{(II)}} < 1.$ 

Then, the sm-PSVM holds consistency (4).

Corollary 2. For the sm-PSVM, one can claim that

$$\begin{split} e(1) &= 1 + o(1) \quad and \quad e(2) = o(1) \quad as \ d \to \infty \\ if \quad \liminf_{d \to \infty} \frac{\delta_{(II)}}{\Delta_{(II)}} > 1; \quad and \\ e(1) &= o(1) \quad and \quad e(2) = 1 + o(1) \quad as \ d \to \infty \\ if \quad \limsup_{d \to \infty} \frac{\delta_{(II)}}{\Delta_{(II)}} < -1. \end{split}$$

under (A-i), (A-iv) and (7) to (9).

Similar to the sm-GSVM, if  $|\delta_{(II)}|$  is larger than  $\Delta_{(II)}$ , the sm-PSVM would give a bad performance.

## 4 Bias-corrected SVM

Let

$$\hat{\eta}_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \frac{k(\boldsymbol{x}_{ij}, \boldsymbol{x}_{ij})}{n_i - 1} - \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \sum_{j'=1}^{n_i} \frac{k(\boldsymbol{x}_{ij}, \boldsymbol{x}_{ij'})}{n_i(n_i - 1)} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2; \text{ and}$$
(10)

$$\hat{\Delta}_{*} = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_{i}} \sum_{j'=1}^{n_{i}} \frac{k(\boldsymbol{x}_{ij}, \boldsymbol{x}_{ij'})}{n_{i}^{2}} \right) - 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_{1}} \sum_{j'=1}^{n_{2}} \frac{k(\boldsymbol{x}_{1j}, \boldsymbol{x}_{2j'})}{n_{1}n_{2}}.$$
(11)

We consider estimating  $\delta$  as  $\hat{\delta} = \hat{\eta}_1/n_1 - \hat{\eta}_2/n_2$ . We give a bias-corrected SVM (BC-SVM) as follows:

$$\hat{y}_{BC}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) = \hat{y}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) - \frac{\hat{\delta}}{\hat{\Delta}_*}.$$
(12)

One classifies  $x_0$  into  $\Pi_1$  if  $\hat{y}_{BC}(x_0) < 0$  and into  $\Pi_2$  otherwise. We have the following result.

**Theorem 3.** Assume (A-i) and (A-ii). Assume also (5) and (6). For the classifier (12) with the Gaussian kernel, it holds the consistency (4).

For the Gaussian kernel, the BC-SVM claims the consistency without (A-iii).

**Theorem 4.** Assume (A-i) and (A-iv). Assume also (7) to (9). For the classifier (12) with the polynomial kernel, it holds the consistency (4).

For the polynomial kernel, the BC-SVM claims the consistency without (A-v).

**Remark 1.** Nakayama et al. [8] gave a bias-corrected linear SVM. Nakayama [9] also proposed a robust SVM in HDLSS settings for the linear kernel.

## 5 Simulation

In this section, we compared the performance of the sm-GSVM, sm-PSVM and BC-SVM with the kernel functions (I) and (II). We set  $\Pi_i : N_d(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i), i = 1, 2$ , having  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_2 = \mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 = c_1 \boldsymbol{B}(0.3^{|i-j|^{1/3}})\boldsymbol{B}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2 = c_2 \boldsymbol{B}(0.4^{|i-j|^{1/3}})\boldsymbol{B}$ , where  $\boldsymbol{B} = \text{diag}[\{0.5+1/(d+1)\}^{1/2}, \ldots, \{0.5+d/(d+1)\}^{1/2}]$ . Note that  $\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i) = c_i d$  for i = 1, 2. We considered

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 = (-1/5, 1/5, -1/5, \dots, -1/5, 1/5)^T \ (= \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\alpha}, \text{ say}),$$

where the *r*-element is  $(-1)^r/5$  for r = 1, ..., d. We set  $(n_1, n_2) = (20, 10)$ ,  $\gamma = d/4$  in the Gaussian kernel and  $\zeta = d$ , r = 2 in the polynomial kernel. We considered three cases:

- (a)  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\alpha}$  and  $(c_1, c_2) = (1, 1),$
- (b)  $\mu_1 = \mathbf{0}$  and  $(c_1, c_2) = (0.9, 1.1)$ , and
- (c)  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\alpha}$  and  $(c_1, c_2) = (0.9, 1.1).$

Note that  $\|\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2\|^2 = d/25$  for (a) and (c),  $\|\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2\|^2 = 0$  for (b),  $|\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1) - \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2)| = 0$  for (a), and  $|\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1) - \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2)| = 0.2d$  for (b) and (c). We set  $C = 4/(n_{\min}\hat{\Delta}_*)$  for both kernel (I) and (II). From Lemma 2 in Nakayama et al. [10], it holds that  $\hat{\Delta}_* = \Delta_*\{1 + o_P(1)\}$ , so that (6) and (8) hold. We repeated 2000 times to confirm if the classifier does (or does not) classify  $\boldsymbol{x}_0 \in \Pi_i$  correctly and defined  $P_{ir} = 0$  (or 1) accordingly for each  $\Pi_i$  (i = 1, 2). We calculated the error rates,  $\bar{e}(i) = \sum_{r=1}^{2000} P_{ir}/2000$ , i = 1, 2. Also, we calculated the average error rate,  $\bar{e} = \{\bar{e}(1) + \bar{e}(2)\}/2$ . Their standard deviations are less than 0.0112 from the fact that  $\operatorname{Var}\{\bar{e}(i)\} = e(i)\{1 - e(i)\}/2000 \leq 1/8000$ . In Figures 1 to 3, we plotted  $\bar{e}(1), \bar{e}(2)$  and  $\bar{e}$  for  $d = 2^s$ ,  $s = 5, \ldots, 12$ .

We observed that the BC-SVMs give good performances as d increases for (a) and (c). However, for (b), the error rate of the BC-SVM with the polynomial kernel is 0.5 because (A-iv) does not hold. On the other hand, the BC-SVM with the Gaussian kernel gave good performances drawing information about heteroscedasticity. For the sm-GSVM and the sm-PSVM,  $\bar{e}(1)$  and  $\bar{e}(2)$  became quite unbalanced. This is because of the bias in the SVM. See Corollaries 1 and 2 for the details.

Next, we considered (a) to (c) for  $(n_1, n_2) = (20, 10)$ ,  $d = 1024 (= 2^{10})$  and  $C = 2^{-7+t}/(n_{\min}\Delta_*)$ ,  $t = 1, \ldots, 10$  for the kernel function (I) and (II). Similar to Figures 1 to 3, we calculated the average error rate  $\overline{e}$  by 2000 replications and plotted the results in Figure 4. We observed that the sm-GSVM and the sm-PSVM give bad performances for all C. However the BC-SVMs gave good performances when  $C > 2/(n_{\min}\Delta_*)$ .



Figure 1: The error rates of the BC-SVM with (I), BC-SVM with (II), sm-GSVM and sm-PSVM for (a). The left panel displays  $\overline{e}(1)$ , the right panel displays  $\overline{e}(2)$  and the top panel displays  $\overline{e}$  for  $d = 2^s$ ,  $s = 5, \ldots, 12$ .



Figure 2: The error rates of the BC-SVM with (I), BC-SVM with (II), sm-GSVM and sm-PSVM for (b). The left panel displays  $\overline{e}(1)$ , the right panel displays  $\overline{e}(2)$  and the top panel displays  $\overline{e}$  for  $d = 2^s$ ,  $s = 5, \ldots, 12$ .



Figure 3: The error rates of the BC-SVM with (I), BC-SVM with (II), sm-GSVM and sm-PSVM for (c). The left panel displays  $\overline{e}(1)$ , the right panel displays  $\overline{e}(2)$  and the top panel displays  $\overline{e}$  for  $d = 2^s$ ,  $s = 5, \ldots, 12$ .



Figure 4: The error rates of the BC-SVM with (I), BC-SVM with (II), sm-GSVM and sm-PSVM for (a) to (c) when d = 1024 and  $C = 2^{-7+t}/(n_{\min}\Delta_*)$ , t = 1, ..., 10. The left panel displays (a), the middle panel displays (b) and the right panel displays (c).

## 6 Proofs

#### 6.1 Proofs of Theorem 1 and Corollary 1

Assume (A-i), (A-ii) and (5) and (6). From Proposition 1 and Lemma 4 in Nakayama et al. [10], we have that as  $d \to \infty$ 

$$\hat{\alpha}_{j} = \frac{2}{\Delta_{*(I)}n_{1}} \{1 + o_{P}(1)\} \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, n_{1}; \text{ and}$$
$$\hat{\alpha}_{j} = \frac{2}{\Delta_{*(I)}n_{2}} \{1 + o_{P}(1)\} \text{ for all } j = n_{1} + 1, \dots, N$$

for the Gaussian kernel. Then, similar to the proof of Proposition 1 in Nakayama et al. [10], we can conclude the result of Theorem 1. From Theorem 1, we conclude the results of Corollary 1.

#### 6.2 Proofs of Theorem 2 and Corollary 2

Assume (A-i), (A-ii) and (7) to (9). From Propositions 1 and 8 in Nakayama et al. [10], we have that as  $d \to \infty$ 

$$\hat{\alpha}_{j} = \frac{2}{\Delta_{*(II)}n_{1}} \{1 + o_{P}(1)\} \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, n_{1}; \text{ and}$$
$$\hat{\alpha}_{j} = \frac{2}{\Delta_{*(II)}n_{2}} \{1 + o_{P}(1)\} \text{ for all } j = n_{1} + 1, \dots, N$$

for the polynomial kernel. Then, similar to the proof of Proposition 1 in Nakayama et al. [10], we can conclude the result of Theorem 2. From Theorem 2, we conclude the results of Corollary 2.

#### 6.3 Proofs of Theorems 3 and 4

By combining Theorem 2 in Nakayama et al. [10] with Theorems 1 and 2, we can conclude the results.

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