

# Orlicz Random Fourier Features

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## Abstract

Kernel techniques are among the most widely-applied and influential tools in machine learning with applications at virtually all areas of the field. To combine this expressive power with computational efficiency numerous randomized schemes have been proposed in the literature, among which probably random Fourier features (RFF) are the simplest and most popular. While RFFs were originally designed for the approximation of kernel values, recently they have been adapted to *kernel derivatives*, and hence to the solution of large-scale tasks involving function derivatives. Unfortunately, the understanding of the RFF scheme for the approximation of higher-order kernel derivatives is quite limited due to the challenging polynomial growing nature of the underlying function class in the empirical process. To tackle this difficulty, we establish a finite-sample deviation bound for a general class of polynomial-growth functions under  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz condition on the distribution of the sample. Instantiating this result for RFFs, our finite-sample uniform guarantee implies a.s. convergence with tight rate for arbitrary kernel with  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz spectrum and any order of derivative.

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## 1. Introduction

Kernel machines (Taylor and Cristianini, 2004; Steinwart and Christmann, 2008; Paulsen and Raghupathi, 2016) form one of the most fundamental tools in machine learning and statistics with a wide range of successful applications. The impressive modelling power and flexibility of kernel techniques in capturing complex nonlinear relations originates from the richness of the underlying  $\mathcal{H}_k$  function class called reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS, Aronszajn 1950) associated to a  $k : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  kernel. Kernels extend the classical notion of inner product on  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$  by assuming the existence of a  $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  feature map to a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{x}') \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{X}$ . This simple equality (also called the kernel trick) forms the basis of kernel techniques and enables one to compute inner products implicitly without direct access to the feature of the points.

In applications one is often given  $\{\mathbf{x}_n\}_{n=1}^N$  samples and is facing with an optimization problem expressed in terms of function values and derivatives<sup>1</sup>

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_k} l \left( \left\{ \partial^{\mathbf{p}} f(\mathbf{x}_n) \right\}_{n \in [N]}, \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_k}^2 \right), \quad (1)$$

where  $[N] = \{1, \dots, N\}$ ,  $D_n \subset \mathbb{N}^d$ ,  $\mathbb{N} := \{0, 1, \dots\}$ ,  $l : \mathbb{R}^{1 + \sum_{n \in [N]} \#D_n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a loss function,  $\#D_n$  is the cardinality of the set  $D_n$ ,  $\partial^{\mathbf{p}} f(\mathbf{x}_n) := \frac{\partial^{p_1 + \dots + p_d} f(\mathbf{x}_n)}{\partial x_1^{p_1} \dots \partial x_d^{p_d}}$  and the RKHS  $\mathcal{H}_k$  is characterized by  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \langle f, k(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k}$  ( $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, \forall f \in \mathcal{H}_k$ ) and  $k(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{H}_k$  ( $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ ).<sup>2</sup> The first property of RKHSs is called the reproducing property, the second one describes basic elements of  $\mathcal{H}_k$ ; combining the two properties makes the canonical feature map and feature space explicit:  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{x}') \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k}$  where  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = k(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{H}_k$ .

For example by taking the quadratic loss, Tikhonov regularization, only function values ( $D_n = \{\mathbf{0}\}, \forall n \in [N]$ ) and  $\lambda > 0$ , (1) reduces to kernel ridge regression

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_k} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in [N]} [f(\mathbf{x}_n) - y_n]^2 + \lambda \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_k}^2.$$

Alternatively, one can get back Hermite learning with gradient data (Zhou, 2008; Shi et al., 2010) by additionally including first-order derivatives

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_k} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in [N]} \left( [f(\mathbf{x}_n) - y_n]^2 + \|f'(\mathbf{x}_n) - \mathbf{y}'_n\|_2^2 \right) + \lambda \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_k}^2, \quad \lambda > 0$$

where  $f'(\mathbf{x}) = [\partial^{\mathbf{e}_1} f(\mathbf{x}); \dots; \partial^{\mathbf{e}_d} f(\mathbf{x})] \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is the derivative of  $f$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  canonical basis vector,  $\|\cdot\|_2$  is the Euclidean norm and  $D_n = \{\mathbf{0}, \{\mathbf{e}_j\}_{j=1}^d\}$  ( $n \in [N]$ ). Further examples with function derivatives are semi-supervised learning with gradient information (Zhou, 2008), nonlinear variable selection (Rosasco et al., 2010, 2013), learning of piecewise-smooth functions (Lauer et al., 2012), multi-task gradient learning (Ying et al., 2012), structure optimization in parameter-varying ARX (autoregressive with exogenous input) processes (Duijkers et al., 2014), or density estimation with infinite-dimensional exponential families (Sriperumbudur et al., 2017).

An appealing property of RKHSs is that their geometry makes the optimization problem (1) defined over function spaces computationally tractable. Indeed, assuming that  $l$  is increasing in its last argument, the  $\partial^{\mathbf{p}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \langle f, \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{0}} k(\cdot, \mathbf{x}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k}$  derivative-reproducing property of kernels and the representer theorem (Zhou, 2008) guarantee that the solution of (1) has a finite-dimensional parameterization  $f(\cdot) = \sum_{n \in [N]} \sum_{\mathbf{p} \in D_n} a_{n, \mathbf{p}} \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{0}} k(\cdot, \mathbf{x}_n)$  ( $a_{n, \mathbf{p}} \in \mathbb{R}$ ) and it is sufficient to solve

$$\min_{\mathbf{a}} l \left( \left\{ \sum_{m \in [N]} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in D_m} a_{m, \mathbf{q}} \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_m) \right\}_{\substack{n \in [N] \\ \mathbf{p} \in D_n}}, \sum_{\substack{n, m \in [N] \\ \mathbf{p} \in D_n, \mathbf{q} \in D_m}} a_{n, \mathbf{p}} a_{m, \mathbf{q}} \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_m) \right) \quad (2)$$

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1. To have derivatives, in the sequel we assume that  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$ .  
 2. We use the  $k(\cdot, \mathbf{x})$  shorthand to denote the function  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{X} \mapsto k(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}$  while keeping  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$  fixed.

determined by the  $\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \frac{\partial^{\sum_{i=1}^d (p_i + q_i)} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial x_1^{p_1} \dots \partial x_d^{p_d} \partial y_1^{q_1} \dots \partial y_d^{q_d}}$  kernel derivatives;  $\mathbf{a} = (a_{n, \mathbf{p}})_{n \in [N], \mathbf{p} \in D_n} \in \mathbb{R}^{\sum_{n \in [N]} \#D_n}$ .

Though kernel methods show impressive modelling power at numerous areas, due to the implicit computation of feature similarities, this flexibility comes with a computational price. Several techniques have been developed in the literature to mitigate this computational challenge such as incomplete Cholesky factorization (Bach and Jordan, 2002), sub-sampling schemes (Williams and Seeger, 2001; Drineas and Mahoney, 2005; Rudi et al., 2017), sketching (Alaoui and Mahoney, 2015; Yang et al., 2017), random Fourier features (RFF, Rahimi and Recht 2007, 2008), their quasi-Monte Carlo (Yang et al., 2014), memory-efficient (Le et al., 2013; Dai et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2019), orthogonal (Yu et al., 2016) or structured (Bojarski et al., 2017) variants.

In this paper we study the RFF technique which is probably the conceptually simplest and most influential approach.<sup>3</sup> By the Bochner theorem (Rudin, 1990) a continuous, bounded, shift-invariant kernel  $k : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be written as the Fourier transform of a (finite) measure  $\Lambda$ , called the spectral measure

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \cos(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})) \, d\Lambda(\boldsymbol{\omega}). \quad (3)$$

The RFF method uses this representation of  $k$  to provide an explicit low-dimensional feature map approximation for the kernel values and  $f$

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \approx \langle \lambda(\mathbf{x}), \lambda(\mathbf{x}') \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^{2M}}, \quad \hat{f}_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \lambda(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^{2M}}, \quad (4)$$

where the integral representation (3) with respect to the measure  $\Lambda$  is replaced by an average over random points; hence the *random Fourier feature* naming. As a result, one can estimate  $\mathbf{w}$  by leveraging fast linear primal solvers. The idea has been successfully used in various contexts including differential privacy preserving (Chaudhuri et al., 2011), fast function-to-function regression (Oliva et al., 2015), learning message operators in expectation propagation (Jitkrittum et al., 2015), causal discovery (Lopez-Paz et al., 2015; Strobl et al., 2019), independence testing (Zhang et al., 2017), prediction and filtering in dynamical systems (Downey et al., 2017), bandit optimization (Li et al., 2018), or estimation of Gaussian mixture models (Keriven et al., 2018).

Similarly to (4), one can consider RFF-based approximation of kernel derivatives when solving optimization tasks involving function derivatives [see (1) and (2)]. This is the strategy followed for example by Strathmann et al. (2015) to fit distributions belonging to the infinite-dimensional exponential family, which boils down to an optimization problem with third-order kernel derivatives (Sriperumbudur et al., 2017, Theorem 5).

The focus of this work is to study the approximation quality of the RFF-based kernel-derivative approximation

$$\left\| \widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k} - \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k \right\|_S := \sup_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in S} \left| \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \right|,$$

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3. Rahimi and Recht (2007) won the 10-year test-of-time award at NIPS-2017 as a recognition of the influence of RFFs.

where  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is a compact set. Despite the large number of successful RFF applications, quite little is understood theoretically on its approximation quality. Below we provide a brief summary with particular focus on optimal guarantees and results related to kernel derivatives.

- **Kernel values ( $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ ):** The uniform finite-sample bounds (Rahimi and Recht, 2007; Sutherland and Schneider, 2015) have recently been improved (Sriperumbudur and Szabó, 2015) exponentially in terms of the diameter of the compact set  $S_M$  ( $|S_M|$ ) arriving to<sup>4</sup>  $\|k - \hat{k}\|_{S_M} = \mathcal{O}_{a.s.} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\log |S_M|} \vee \sqrt{\log M}}{\sqrt{M}} \right)$  from  $\|k - \hat{k}\|_{S_M} = \mathcal{O}_p \left( \frac{|S_M| \sqrt{\log M}}{\sqrt{M}} \right)$ , where  $\vee$  denotes the maximum. The result shows that the diameter of the set  $S_M$  can grow at a  $|S_M| = e^{o(M)}$  rate while still getting a consistent estimate; this rate is optimal as shown in the characteristic function literature (Csörgö and Totik, 1983).
- **Kernel ridge regression:** RFFs have been settled in kernel ridge regression by Rudi and Rosasco (2017) via showing that using  $M = o(N) = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N} \log N)$  random Fourier features is sufficient to get  $\mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{N})$  generalization error. Under additional  $\gamma$ -capacity ( $\gamma \in [0, 1]$ ) and  $r$ -range space conditions ( $r \geq \frac{1}{2}$ ), the same authors showed that even faster, minimax optimal  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\frac{2r}{2r+\gamma}})$  rates are achievable with  $M = o(N) = \mathcal{O}\left(N^{\frac{1+\gamma(2r-1)}{2r+\gamma}} \log N\right)$  RFFs. The result improves the originally proved guarantee (Rahimi and Recht, 2008) holding under the pessimistic  $M = \mathcal{O}(N)$  setting. The sufficiency of similar sub-linear number of RFFs with minimax guarantees was also established in the kernel least squares setting when applying mini-batched stochastic gradient descent (Carratino et al., 2018). Recently the analysis of Rudi and Rosasco (2017) has been further sharpened (in terms of the number of required RFFs, Li et al. 2019) by leveraging the notion of effective degrees of freedom.
- **Classification with 0-1 loss:** In the classification setting with the 0-1 loss and RKHSs, Gilbert et al. (2018) proved that  $M = o(N) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(N^{\frac{2}{2+c}}\right)$  optimized RFF features—optimized in the sense of Bach (2017)—are sufficient to achieve a learning rate of  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(N^{-\frac{c}{2+c}}\right)$  provided that the spectrum of the integral operator associated to the kernel decay polynomially at the rate of  $\lambda_i = \mathcal{O}(i^{-c})$  with  $c > 1$ .<sup>4</sup> The same authors showed that the learning rate can be improved to  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(N^{-1})$  with  $M = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(\ln^d(N))$  RFF-s in case of sub-exponential spectrum, where  $d$  denotes the dimension of the inputs in the classification.
- **Kernel PCA:** Sriperumbudur and Sterge (2018) have proved that the statistical performance of kernel principal component analysis (KPCA) can be matched by  $M = \mathcal{O}(N^{2/3})$  (polynomial decay) or  $M = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N})$  (exponential decay) RFFs, depending on the eigenvalue decay of the covariance operator associated to the kernel. Ullah et al. (2018) derived a similar bound for a streaming KPCA algorithm under exponential spectrum decay condition.

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4. The classical  $\mathcal{O}(\cdot)$  notation up to logarithmic factors is denoted by  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(\cdot)$ ; the extension of  $\mathcal{O}(\cdot)$  in almost sure and convergence in probability sense are  $\mathcal{O}_p(\cdot)$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{a.s.}(\cdot)$ .

- **Kernel derivatives:** If the support of the spectral measure associated to  $k$  is either bounded or it satisfies the Bernstein condition

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{\left| \prod_{j=1}^d \omega_j^{p_j+q_j} \right|^n}{(\sigma_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}})^n} d\Lambda(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \leq \frac{n!}{2} K^{n-2}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots \quad (5)$$

with some constant  $K \geq 1$  and  $\sigma_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}} = \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \prod_{j=1}^d \omega_j^{p_j+q_j} \right|^2 d\Lambda(\boldsymbol{\omega})}$ , then

$$\left\| \widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}} k} - \partial^{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}} k \right\|_{S_M} = \mathcal{O}_{a.s.} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\log |S_M|} \vee \sqrt{\log M}}{\sqrt{M}} \right)$$

rate is achievable as shown by Sriperumbudur and Szabó (2015) and Szabó and Sriperumbudur (2019), respectively. As a practical example, one can consider for instance the previously mentioned infinite-dimensional exponential (IE) family fitting problem where the estimation boils to solving a linear equation system with coefficients made of third-order kernel derivatives ( $|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| = 3$ ). The IE family is defined by a kernel for which a common choice is the Gaussian; this implies a Gaussian spectrum  $\Lambda$ . Unfortunately, in this case the bounded support condition is not met. Similarly, the Bernstein condition (5) only holds for  $|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| \leq 2$  with the Gaussian kernel, as it can be verified (Szabó and Sriperumbudur, 2019, Remark 'Higher-order derivatives' in Section 3) by making use of the analytical expressions for the absolute moments of the Gaussian spectrum. These limitations (summarized in Table 1) of the popular random Fourier features technique motivate our work and the study of widely-applied kernels with unbounded spectral support for the RFF approximation of high-order kernel derivatives. A consequence of our new estimates in Theorem 1 is that the *a.s.* rates previously obtained under stringent conditions (on  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}$  or  $\Lambda$ ) are now available for any  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}$  and any spectral measure  $\Lambda$  with  $\alpha$ -exponential moments (as defined in (6),  $\alpha > 0$ ). Because Bernstein condition implies exponential moments, our result includes the one given by Szabó and Sriperumbudur (2019).

Particularly, assuming additional smoothness on the bounded shift-invariant kernel, its derivative satisfies a representation similar to (3):

$$\partial^{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \underbrace{\left[ \prod_{j=1}^d \omega_j^{p_j} (-\omega_j)^{q_j} \right]}_{=: f_{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})} c_{(\sum_{i=1}^d |p_i+q_i|)} \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \right) d\Lambda(\boldsymbol{\omega}),$$

where  $c_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative of the  $\cos(\cdot)$  function. The primary difficulty is to handle the polynomial growing nature of the

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \mapsto f_{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) : \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in S \}$$

function class which controls the error  $\left\| \widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}} k} - \partial^{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}} k \right\|_S$ . We tackle this challenge by imposing the finiteness of the  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz norm of the spectral measure ( $\Lambda$ ) associated to the kernel, in other words

$$\exists \alpha > 0, c > 0 \quad \text{such that} \quad \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\omega} \sim \Lambda} \left( e^{c \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^\alpha} \right) < +\infty. \quad (6)$$

Assumption on the spectral measure	Conditions on $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}$	Convergence rate for $\left\  \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k - \widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k} \right\ _{S_M}$
2nd moment exists Ref: Sriperumbudur and Szabó (2015, Th. 1)	$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$	$\mathcal{O}_{a.s.} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\log  S_M } \vee \sqrt{\log M}}{\sqrt{M}} \right)$
bounded support Ref: Sriperumbudur and Szabó (2015, Th. 4)	any $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}$	$\mathcal{O}_{a.s.} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\log  S_M } \vee \sqrt{\log M}}{\sqrt{M}} \right)$
Bernstein condition Ref: Szabó and Sriperumbudur (2019)	small $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}$	$\mathcal{O}_{a.s.} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\log  S_M } \vee \sqrt{\log M}}{\sqrt{M}} \right)$
Orlicz condition Ref: now	any $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}$	$\mathcal{O}_{a.s.} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\log  S_M } \vee \sqrt{\log M}}{\sqrt{M}} \right)$

Table 1: Summary of RFF guarantees on kernel values and derivatives. Last line: it includes any measure  $\Lambda$  with a finite  $\alpha$ -exponential moment (for some  $\alpha, c > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\omega} \sim \Lambda} (e^{c\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^\alpha}) < +\infty$ ), like the Gaussian, the inverse multiquadratic, or the sech kernel, see Corollary 4. For further examples see Table 2.

Kernels with  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz spectrum include the popular Gaussian, the inverse multiquadratic, or the sech kernel; for further examples see Table 2 and Remark 5(ii). We establish the consistency and prove finite-sample uniform guarantees of the resulting Orlicz RFF scheme for the approximation of kernel derivatives at any order, as it is briefly illustrated in the last line of Table 1.

To allow this level of generality, we prove a new finite-sample deviation bound for the empirical process related to a general class of functions  $f$  with polynomial growth of the sample  $\mathbf{X}_m$ . The distribution of the latter is assumed to have finite  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz norm and consequently, the random variables  $f(\mathbf{X}_m)$  belong to a  $\gamma$ -exponential Orlicz space with index  $\gamma$  smaller than 1. For deriving such deviation bounds, we have been inspired by the work of Adamczak (2008) which elegantly combines the Klein and Rio (2005) inequality for truncated variables, the Hoffman-Jorgensen inequality to deal with sum of residual of truncated variables, and a Talagrand (1989) inequality in  $\gamma$ -exponential Orlicz norms for sum of centered random variables. However, our work significantly differs from that of Adamczak (2008). First, our aims are different: Adamczak (2008) focuses on getting large deviation bounds while we are looking for all-scale deviation bounds, which leads to a different analysis (in the application of Klein-Rio inequalities for instance). Second, we are concerned by getting upper bounds with quite explicit control. In particular, this requires a careful treatment of Orlicz-type estimates since the function  $\Psi_\gamma(x) = e^{x^\gamma} - 1$  defining the Orlicz space is not convex for  $\gamma < 1$  (see Figure 1), as opposed to the usual case; see the results in Section 4. We also derive sharp estimates from the Dudley entropy integral bound (Theorem 9), which enables us to get a tight dependency w.r.t. the diameter of the parameter space. Furthermore, we clarify the use of the Talagrand inequality (Theorem 7);

in Adamczak (2008, Theorem 5) it is seemingly invoked for supremum over functions while it is related to sum over centered random variables. With this novel finite-sample deviation bound, the analysis of Orlicz RFFs readily follows, using optimized inequalities.

The paper is structured as follows. Our problem is formulated in Section 2. The main result on the approximation quality of kernel derivatives with random Fourier features is presented in Section 3. Properties of the Orlicz norm are summarized in Section 4. Proofs are provided in Section 5. The appendix contains additional technical details (Section A), the definition of special functions (Section B) and external statements used in the proofs (Section C).

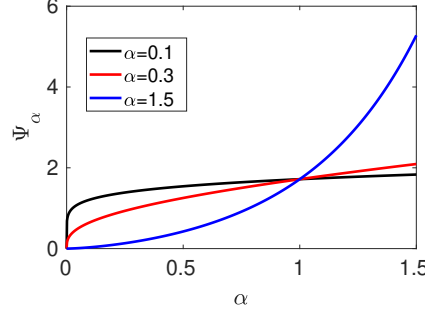
## 2. Problem Formulation

In this section we formally define our problem after introducing a few notations.

**Notations:** Let the set of natural, real and complex numbers, positive integers, positive reals, non-negative reals and non-positive integers be denoted by  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^+ = (0, \infty)$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} = [0, \infty)$  and  $\mathbb{Z}^{\leq 0} = \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ , respectively. The positive value of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is denoted by  $(x)_+ = x \vee 0$ . The Gamma function is  $\Gamma(t) = \int_0^\infty x^{t-1} e^{-x} dx$  for  $t \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}^{\leq 0}$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  the secant function is  $\operatorname{sech}(x) = \frac{1}{\cosh(x)}$ . Let  $aS + b = \{as + b : s \in S\}$  where  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . For an  $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $[N] = \{1, \dots, N\}$ . Let the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative of the  $\cos(\cdot)$  function ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be  $c_n = \cos^{(n)}$ . For multi-indices  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{N}^d$  and  $\boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  let  $|\mathbf{p}| = \sum_{j=1}^d p_j$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathbf{p}} = \prod_{j=1}^d \omega_j^{p_j}$ ,  $\partial^{\mathbf{p}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial^{|\mathbf{p}|} f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1^{p_1} \dots \partial x_d^{p_d}}$ ,  $\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\partial^{|\mathbf{p}|+|\mathbf{q}|} g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial x_1^{p_1} \dots \partial x_d^{p_d} \partial y_1^{q_1} \dots \partial y_d^{q_d}}$ . The diameter of a compact set  $T \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is denoted by  $|T| = \sup_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in T} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 < \infty$ . Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be a Borel set. Let  $S_\Delta = S - S = \{a - b : a \in S, b \in S\}$ . The set of Borel probability measures on  $S$  is written as  $\mathcal{M}_1^+(S)$ . Let the Banach space of real-valued,  $r$ -power  $\mu$ -integrable functions on  $S$  ( $1 \leq r < \infty$ ) be  $L^r(S, \mu)$ , with  $\|f\|_{L^r(S, \mu)} = [\int_S |f(x)|^r d\mu(x)]^{\frac{1}{r}}$ . We use the shorthand  $\mu f = \int_S f(x) d\mu(x)$  where  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1^+(S)$  and  $f \in L^1(S, \mu)$ . The product measure of  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_M \in \mathcal{M}_1^+(S)$  is  $\otimes_{m=1}^M \mu_m$ ; specifically when all the components coincide we use the shorthand  $\mu^M = \otimes_{m \in [M]} \mu$ . The empirical measure is  $\mathbb{P}_M = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \delta_{X_m}$  with  $\delta_X$  being the Dirac measure concentrated on  $X$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_M \sim \otimes_{m=1}^M \mu_m$ . Let  $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a positive sequence. The boundedness of  $\frac{X_n}{r_n}$  almost surely is denoted by  $X_n = \mathcal{O}_{a.s.}(r_n)$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . We say that an  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  function is of polynomial growth of order  $n$  (shortly  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ ) if  $\sup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|f(\mathbf{x})|}{1 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^n} < \infty$ ;  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}} = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{R}^+} \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ . Let us assume that  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  is a continuous, strictly increasing mapping,  $\Psi(0) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(x) = \infty$ . The set of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued random variables having finite  $\Psi$ -Orlicz norm is defined as  $L_\Psi = \left\{ \mathbf{X} : \|\mathbf{X}\|_\Psi := \inf \left\{ c > 0 : \mathbb{E} \Psi \left( \frac{\|\mathbf{X}\|_2}{c} \right) \leq 1 \right\} < +\infty \right\}$ . Throughout the paper we will be particularly interested in (see Figure 1)

$$\Psi_\alpha : x \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \mapsto e^{x^\alpha} - 1 \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \quad (\alpha > 0),$$

in other words in random variables having finite  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz norm. The fact  $\mathbf{X} \in L_{\Psi_\alpha}$  is equivalent to the existence of an  $s > 0$  constant such that  $\mathbb{E} \left[ e^{s \|\mathbf{X}\|_2^\alpha} \right] < \infty$ . Random variables  $\mathbf{X} \in L_{\Psi_2}$  and  $\mathbf{X} \in L_{\Psi_1}$  are called sub-Gaussian and sub-exponential, respectively. For  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}}$  and random variable  $\mathbf{X}$  having  $\alpha$ -exponential moment ( $\mathbf{X} \in L_{\Psi_\alpha}$ )  $\mathbb{E} f(\mathbf{X}) < \infty$ . Special functions are defined in Table 4.


 Figure 1:  $\Psi_\alpha$  for different  $\alpha$  values.

We proceed by formally defining our task. Let  $k : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous, bounded and shift-invariant kernel. Then, by the Bochner theorem (Rudin, 1990) one can assume w.l.o.g. the existence of a  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{M}_1^+(\mathbb{R}^d)$  spectral measure such that

$$\begin{aligned} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \cos(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})) \, d\Lambda(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \cos(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{x}) \cos(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{y}) + \sin(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{x}) \sin(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{y}) \, d\Lambda(\boldsymbol{\omega}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{N}^d$  and assume that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}| \, d\Lambda(\boldsymbol{\omega}) < \infty$ . In this case  $\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  exists, and by the dominated convergence theorem one arrives at

$$\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \partial^{\mathbf{p}} \cos(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{x}) \partial^{\mathbf{q}} \cos(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{y}) + \partial^{\mathbf{p}} \sin(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{x}) \partial^{\mathbf{q}} \sin(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{y}) \, d\Lambda(\boldsymbol{\omega}).$$

The integral can be estimated by Monte-Carlo technique replacing  $\Lambda$  with  $\Lambda_M = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \delta_{\boldsymbol{\omega}_m}$ ,  $(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)_{m \in [M]} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \Lambda$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \left[ \partial^{\mathbf{p}} \cos(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m^\top \mathbf{x}) \partial^{\mathbf{q}} \cos(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m^\top \mathbf{y}) + \partial^{\mathbf{p}} \sin(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m^\top \mathbf{x}) \partial^{\mathbf{q}} \sin(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m^\top \mathbf{y}) \right] \\ &= \langle \lambda_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}), \lambda_{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{y}) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^{2M}}, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $\lambda_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \left[ (\partial^{\mathbf{p}} \cos(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m^\top \mathbf{x}))_{m \in [M]}; (\partial^{\mathbf{p}} \sin(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m^\top \mathbf{x}))_{m \in [M]} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{2M}$ ; this is the RFF feature approximation  $\lambda_{\mathbf{p}}$  in (4). For  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ , the construction reduces to the traditional RFF technique (Rahimi and Recht, 2007).

This form implies that our target quantity can be written as

$$\left\| \widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k} - \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k \right\|_S = \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} |(\Lambda_M - \Lambda)(f_{\mathbf{z}})|, \quad f_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathbf{p}} (-\boldsymbol{\omega})^{\mathbf{q}} c_{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|}(\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{z}), \quad (8)$$

$$= \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |(\Lambda_M - \Lambda)(f)|, \quad \mathcal{F} = \{f_{\mathbf{z}} : \mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta\}, \quad (9)$$

thus the problem boils down to the study of supremum of empirical processes with  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$  where  $n = |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| + 1$ . In the next section we detail our main result about the fluctuation of such processes.



### 3. Main Result

In this section we present our main result on the supremum of empirical processes of polynomial growth, and specialize it to the approximation quality of RFFs for kernel derivatives. The proofs are given in Section 5.

We investigate the concentration of the  $\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M f(\mathbf{X}_m)|$  quantity under the following assumptions:

1. **Compact parameterization:**  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_{\mathbf{t}} : \mathbf{t} \in T\}$  where  $f_{\mathbf{t}} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is parameterized by a compact set  $T \subset \mathbb{R}^{d'}$ .

2. **Lipschitz condition:** There exists  $n \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and function  $L : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ ,  $L \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$  such that

(a)  $|f_{\mathbf{t}_0}(\mathbf{x})| \leq L(\mathbf{x})$  for some  $\mathbf{t}_0 \in T$ ,

(b)  $|f_{\mathbf{t}_1}(\mathbf{x}) - f_{\mathbf{t}_2}(\mathbf{x})| \leq L(\mathbf{x})\rho(\|\mathbf{t}_1 - \mathbf{t}_2\|_2)$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{t}_1 \in T, \mathbf{t}_2 \in T$ ,

(c) with  $\rho : [0, |T|] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  continuous strictly increasing mapping with  $\rho(0) = 0$  such that  $I_\rho(|T|) := \rho(|T|) \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log\left(1 + \frac{2|T|}{\rho^{-1}(u\rho(|T|))}\right)} du < \infty$ .

3. **Independence, finite  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz norm:**

(a)  $(\mathbf{X}_m)_{m \in [M]}$  are independent  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued random variables; shortly,  $(\mathbf{X}_m)_{m \in [M]} \sim \otimes_{m \in [M]} \mu_m$  with  $\mu_m \in \mathcal{M}_1^+(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

(b)  $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\|\mathbf{X}_m\|_{\Psi_\alpha} < \infty$  for all  $m \in [M]$ .

4. **Centering:**  $\mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{X}_m)] = 0$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $m \in [M]$ .

Under these conditions, our main result is as follows.

**Theorem 1 (Concentration of processes with polynomial growth)** *Assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $(\mathbf{X}_m)_{m \in [M]}$  satisfy Assumptions 1-4 and  $\gamma := \frac{\alpha}{n} \leq 1$ . Let  $\log$  stand for the natural logarithm,  $\beta_\gamma := \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}\right)^{-\gamma}$ ,  $\mathbb{P} := \otimes_{m \in [M]} \mu_m$ , and  $\|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{X}_{1:M})} := \sqrt{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} L^2(\mathbf{X}_m)}$ .*

*Let  $\Psi_\gamma^{(l)}$  be the convexification<sup>5</sup> of  $\Psi_\gamma$ ,  $A_\gamma := \frac{(\Psi_\gamma^{(l)})^{-1}(1)}{\Psi_\gamma^{-1}(1)}$ ,  $B_\gamma := (\Psi_\gamma^{(l)})^{-1}(1)$ ,  $C_\gamma$  and  $C_D$  be the constants defined in (45) and (46), and  $K_\gamma := 2^{\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}-1\right)} \left( C_\gamma \left[ 16B_\gamma + 2^{\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}-1\right)} \left( 1 + A_\gamma \right) \right] + 8A_\gamma \right)$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  satisfying*

$$\varepsilon \geq 6B, \quad B := 2C_D \sqrt{d'} \frac{\mathbb{E} \left[ \|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{X}_{1:M})} \right]}{\sqrt{M}} I_\rho(|T|), \quad (10)$$

we have

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) \geq \varepsilon \right) \leq 2e^{-\left( \frac{M\varepsilon}{3K_\gamma \|\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)|\|_{\Psi_\gamma}} \right)^\gamma} + e^{-\frac{M\varepsilon^2}{72\sigma^2 + 84c\varepsilon}}, \quad (11)$$

5. The function  $\Psi_\gamma$  is not convex for  $\gamma < 1$ . We convexify  $\Psi_\gamma$  and use the Section 4(v) based integral control property holding for *convex*  $\Psi$ -s; for details on  $\Psi_\gamma^{(l)}$  see Section A.1.

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &:= \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} \mathbb{E} [f_{\mathbf{t}}^2(\mathbf{X}_m)], \\ c &:= \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \left[ \frac{1}{\beta_\gamma} \log \left( \frac{6\Gamma \left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}\right) \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}{\gamma \varepsilon} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\vee 8\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \in [0, +\infty). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2**

- (i) **Two-sided bound:** For  $\mathbb{P} \left( \inf_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) \leq -\varepsilon \right)$  the same one-sided deviation bound can be obtained by replacing  $f_{\mathbf{t}}$  with  $-f_{\mathbf{t}}$ . As a result one can estimate  $\mathbb{P} \left( \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \left| \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) \right| \geq \varepsilon \right)$  by twice the bound above.
- (ii) **Assumption (3):** Assumption (3a) with Assumption (4) is weaker than being i.i.d.: for example  $\mathbb{E} [f_{\mathbf{t}}(X_m)] = 0$  holds for  $X_m = \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_m^2)$  and  $f_{\mathbf{t}}(x) = c_{\mathbf{t}}x^3$ , but  $X_m$ -s can differ in their variance.
- (iii) **Assumption  $\alpha/n \leq 1$ :** This condition holds without loss of generality. Indeed, in case of  $\alpha/n > 1$ , one can get a modified  $(\alpha', n')$  pair satisfying  $\alpha'/n' \leq 1$  by either increasing  $n$  to the value  $n' = \alpha$  using that  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)} \subset \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n')}$ , or by decreasing  $\alpha$  to the value  $\alpha' = n$  using that  $\|\mathbf{X}_m\|_{\Psi_\alpha} < \infty$  implies  $\|\mathbf{X}_m\|_{\Psi_{\alpha'}} < \infty$  for any  $\alpha' \in (0, \alpha)$ .
- (iv) **Proof-related remarks:**

1. **Compactness of  $T$ :** This compactness with the Lipschitz property enables one to control the covering number of  $\mathcal{F}$ .
2. **Truncated functions:** The Lipschitz property of  $\mathcal{F}$  implies that of the truncated functions: for  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\mathbf{t} \in T$

$$|\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{x})| \leq |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) - f_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{x})| \leq L(\mathbf{x})\rho(\|\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{s}\|_2), \quad (12)$$

where  $\mathcal{T}_c f(\mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x})\mathbb{1}_{|f(\mathbf{x})| \leq c} + c\mathbb{1}_{f(\mathbf{x}) > c} - c\mathbb{1}_{f(\mathbf{x}) < -c}$  is  $f$  soft-thresholded at level  $c$ .

3.  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ : This property is inherited (Section 5.4) from  $L \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$  by the Lipschitz conditions (2a)-(2b).
4. **Finiteness of the terms in Theorem 1:**  $\left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_{\frac{\alpha}{n}}}$  and  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right]$  are finite (see Section 5.4) in Theorem 1 by the Lipschitz assumption (2a)-(2b),  $\|\mathbf{X}_m\|_{\Psi_\alpha} < \infty$  (Assumption (3b)) and  $L \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$  (Assumption (2)).
- (v) **RFF specialization:** Assuming that the  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz condition holds for the spectral measure  $\Lambda$  associated to  $k$  ( $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\|\omega\|_{\Psi_\alpha} < \infty$ ,  $\omega \sim \Lambda$ ),<sup>6</sup> one can see (Section 5.1) that RFFs are covered by choosing

$$d' = d, \quad f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) \leftarrow f_{\mathbf{z}}(\omega) - \Lambda f_{\mathbf{z}}, \quad \mathbf{t} \leftarrow \mathbf{z}, \quad T \leftarrow S_\Delta, \quad \mathbf{X}_m \leftarrow \omega_m,$$

6. This requirement implies that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\omega^{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}| d\Lambda(\omega) < \infty$  and thus the existence of  $\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k$  for any  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{N}^d$ .

$$\rho(u) = u^\beta, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{1 + (\log|S_\Delta|)_+} \in (0, 1], \quad n \leftarrow |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| + \beta.$$

While any value of  $\beta \in (0, 1]$  would meet the assumptions, allowing  $\beta$  to depend on the diameter of  $S_\Delta$  enables us to get optimal convergence rates w.r.t. the diameter (see Corollary 4).

The terms driving the guarantee for RFF can be bounded (Section 5.6) as follows: there is a constant  $C_{\text{RFF}} \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , depending only on  $\Lambda$ ,  $|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}|$ , but not on  $|S_\Delta|$  and  $M$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} B &\leq \frac{C_{\text{RFF}} \sqrt{1 + (\log|S_\Delta|)_+}}{\sqrt{M}}, \\ \sigma^2 &\leq C_{\text{RFF}}, \\ \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} \|g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma} &\leq C_{\text{RFF}}, \\ \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} |g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} &\leq C_{\text{RFF}} [\log(1 + M)]^{n/\alpha}, \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} |g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)| \right] &\leq C_{\text{RFF}} [\log(1 + M)]^{n/\alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Using these bounds, our finite-sample uniform guarantee on Orlicz RFFs is as follows.

**Corollary 3 (Orlicz RFFs for kernel derivative approximation)** *Let  $k : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous, bounded, shift-invariant kernel with spectral measure  $\Lambda$ . Suppose that  $\Lambda$  satisfies the  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz assumption ( $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_{\Psi_\alpha} < \infty$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\omega} \sim \Lambda$ ) and let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be a compact set. Let  $\beta = \frac{1}{1 + (\log|S_\Delta|)_+} \in (0, 1]$ , let  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ,  $n := |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| + \beta$ , and assume that  $\gamma := \frac{\alpha}{n} \leq 1$ . Let  $\widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k}$  be the RFF estimate of  $\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k$  using  $(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)_{m \in [M]} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \Lambda$  samples as given in Eq. (7). Then, there exists a constant  $\tilde{C} \in \mathbb{R}^+$  (depending only on  $\Lambda$ ,  $|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}|$ , but not on  $S$  and  $M$ ) such that for any  $\epsilon \geq \frac{\tilde{C} \sqrt{1 + (\log|S_\Delta|)_+}}{\sqrt{M}}$ ,*

$$\Lambda^M \left( \left\| \widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k} - \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k \right\|_S \geq \epsilon \right) \leq 2e^{-\frac{(M\epsilon)^\gamma}{\tilde{C} \log(1+M)}} + e^{-\frac{M\epsilon^2}{\tilde{C} \left(1 + \epsilon \left[\log(\tilde{C}/\epsilon) \vee \log(1+M)\right]^{1/\gamma}\right)}}. \tag{14}$$

**Corollary 4 (Almost sure convergence for kernel derivative approximation)** *Let  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{N}^d$  and  $k : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous, bounded, shift-invariant kernel with spectral measure  $\Lambda$  which satisfies the  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz assumption for some  $\alpha > 0$ . Then, for any sequence of compact sets  $(S_M)_{M=2}^\infty$  such that  $(\log|S_M|)_+ = o(M)$ , we have*

$$\left\| \widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k} - \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k \right\|_{S_M} = \mathcal{O}_{a.s.} \left( \frac{\sqrt{(\log|S_M|)_+ \vee \log M}}{\sqrt{M}} \right). \tag{15}$$

**Remark 5**

- (i) **Spectral measure ( $\Lambda$ ) examples:** Our result assumes the  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz property of the spectral measure  $\Lambda$  associated to  $k$ . In Table 2 we provide various examples for  $\Lambda$  (with the relevant case of unbounded support) satisfying this requirement; their relation is summarized in Figure 2. While for the RFF approximation it is not necessary, in many of these examples the corresponding kernel value can also be computed, see Table 3.
- (ii)  **$\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz assumption for tensor product kernels:** Using the  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz spectral measures of Table 2 on  $\mathbb{R}$ , one can immediately construct Orlicz spectral measures on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Indeed, assume that (i)  $k$  is a product kernel, i.e.  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \prod_{i \in [d]} k_i(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $\Lambda = \otimes_{i \in [d]} \Lambda_i$ , and (ii)  $\Lambda_i$ , the spectral measure associated to  $k_i$ , satisfies the  $\alpha_i$ -exponential Orlicz assumption ( $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ). Then  $\omega \sim \Lambda$  is  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz with  $\alpha = \min_{i \in [d]} \alpha_i$ ; see Section A.2.
- (iii)  **$\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz vs. Bernstein assumption:** Our result complements Szabó and Sriperumbudur (2019)'s work, where the authors showed that for  $d = 1$  and spectral densities  $f_\lambda(\omega) \propto e^{-\omega^{2\ell}}$  the Bernstein condition (and hence fast rates) holds for  $|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| \leq 2\ell = \alpha$ . Indeed, we proved under the more general  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz assumption the same a.s. convergence rates for any arbitrary order (see Corollary 4) kernel derivatives.

Spectrum	Spectral density: $f_\Lambda(\omega)$	Parameters	$\alpha$
Gaussian	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2\sigma^2}}$	$\sigma > 0$	2
Laplace	$\frac{\sigma}{2} e^{-\sigma \omega }$	$\sigma > 0$	1
generalized Gaussian	$\frac{\alpha}{2\beta\Gamma(\frac{1}{\alpha})} e^{-\frac{ \omega }{\beta}^\alpha}$	$\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$	$\alpha$
variance Gamma	$\frac{\sigma^{2b}  \omega ^{b-\frac{1}{2}} K_{b-\frac{1}{2}}(\sigma \omega )}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(b)(2\sigma)^{b-\frac{1}{2}}}$	$\sigma > 0, b > \frac{1}{2}$	1
Weibull (S)	$\frac{s}{2\lambda} \left(\frac{ \omega }{\lambda}\right)^{s-1} e^{-\left(\frac{ \omega }{\lambda}\right)^s}$	$s > 0, \lambda > 0$	$s$
exponentiated exponential (S)	$\frac{\alpha}{2\lambda} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{ \omega }{\lambda}}\right)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{ \omega }{\lambda}}$	$\lambda > 0, \alpha > 0$	1
exponentiated Weibull (S)	$\frac{\alpha s}{2\lambda} \left(\frac{ \omega }{\lambda}\right)^{s-1} \left[1 - e^{-\left(\frac{ \omega }{\lambda}\right)^s}\right]^{\alpha-1} \times e^{-\left(\frac{ \omega }{\lambda}\right)^s}$	$s > 0, \lambda > 0, \alpha > 0$	$s$
Nakagami (S)	$\frac{m^m}{\Gamma(m)\Omega^m}  \omega ^{2m-1} e^{-\frac{m\omega^2}{\Omega}}$	$m \geq \frac{1}{2}, \Omega > 0$	2
chi-squared (S)	$\frac{1}{2^{\frac{s}{2}+1}\Gamma(\frac{s}{2})}  \omega ^{\frac{s}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{ \omega }{2}}$	$s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$	1
Erlang (S)	$\frac{\lambda^s  \omega ^{s-1} e^{-\lambda \omega }}{2(s-1)!}$	$s \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \lambda > 0$	1

Spectrum	Spectral density: $f_\Lambda(\omega)$	Parameters	$\alpha$
Gamma (S)	$\frac{1}{2\Gamma(s)\theta^s}  \omega ^{s-1} e^{-\frac{ \omega }{\theta}}$	$s > 0, \theta > 0$	1
generalized Gamma (S)	$\frac{p/a^D}{2\Gamma\left(\frac{D}{p}\right)}  \omega ^{D-1} e^{-\left(\frac{ \omega }{a}\right)^p}$	$a > 0, D > 0, p > 0$	$p$
Rayleigh (S)	$\frac{ \omega }{2\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2\sigma^2}}$	$\sigma > 0$	2
Maxwell-Boltzmann (S)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\omega^2 e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2a^2}}}{a^3}$	$a > 0$	2
chi (S)	$\frac{1}{2^{\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)}  \omega ^{s-1} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}}$	$s > 0$	2
exponential-logarithmic (S)	$-\frac{1}{2\log(p)} \frac{\beta(1-p)e^{-\beta \omega }}{1-(1-p)e^{-\beta \omega }}$	$p \in (0, 1), \beta > 0$	1
Weibull-logarithmic (S)	$-\frac{1}{2\log(p)} \frac{\alpha\beta(1-p) \omega ^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta \omega ^\alpha}}{1-(1-p)e^{-\beta \omega ^\alpha}}$	$p \in (0, 1), \beta > 0, \alpha > 0$	$\alpha$
Gamma/Gompertz (S)	$\frac{bse^{b \omega }\beta^s}{2(\beta-1+e^{b \omega })^{s+1}}$	$b > 0, \beta > 0, s > 0$	$bs$
hyperbolic secant	$\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sech}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\omega\right)$		1
logistic	$\frac{e^{-\frac{\omega}{s}}}{s\left[1+e^{-\frac{\omega}{s}}\right]^2}$	$s > 0$	1
normal-inverse Gaussian	$\frac{\alpha\delta K_1(\alpha\sqrt{\delta^2+\omega^2})}{\pi\sqrt{\delta^2+\omega^2}} e^{\delta\alpha}$	$\alpha > 0, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$	1
hyperbolic	$\frac{1}{2\delta K_1(\delta\alpha)} e^{-\alpha\sqrt{\delta^2+\omega^2}}$	$\alpha > 0, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$	1
generalized hyperbolic	$\frac{(\alpha/\delta)^\lambda}{\sqrt{2\pi}K_\lambda(\delta\gamma)} \frac{K_{\lambda-\frac{1}{2}}(\alpha\sqrt{\delta^2+\omega^2})}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{\delta^2+\omega^2}}{\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}-\lambda}}$	$\alpha > 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$	1

Table 2: Kernel spectrum examples in one dimension ( $d = 1$ ) obeying the  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz assumption. '(S)' stands for symmetrized. The symmetrization guarantees that the kernel associated to  $\Lambda$  is real-valued. Last column: Orlicz exponent. For the variance Gamma distribution the Orlicz exponent follows from the known  $K_u(z) \sim \sqrt{\pi/(2z)}e^{-z}$  asymptotics (Barndorff-Nielsen et al., 2001, page 297) where  $K_u$  is the modified Bessel function of the second kind, as defined in Table 4. Notice that the 'normal-inverse Gaussian  $\xrightarrow{\delta=\sigma^2\alpha, \alpha\rightarrow\infty}$  Gaussian' limit (see Figure 2) changed the Orlicz exponent from 1 to 2.

#### 4. Properties of the Orlicz Norm

In this section, for self-containedness we summarize the properties of  $\|\cdot\|_\Psi$  which hold independently of the convexity/non-convexity of  $\Psi$  (unless explicitly required).

Let  $X, X' \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be random variables, and assume that  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  (and similarly  $\Phi$  below) is continuous, strictly increasing,  $\Psi(0) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(x) = \infty$ .

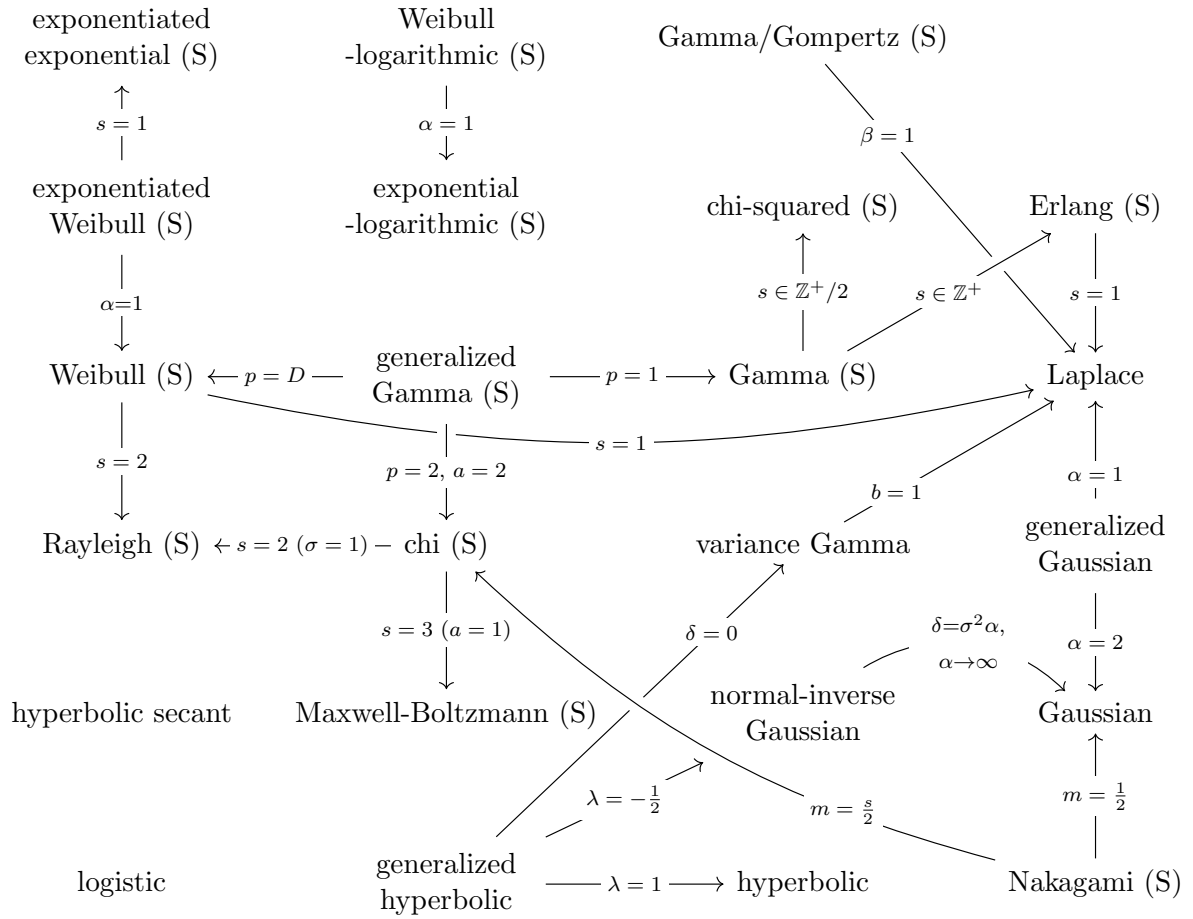


Figure 2: Relation of the spectral density examples of Table 2. '(S)' stands for symmetrized.

Kernel name	Kernel value: $k(x, y)$	Spectrum
Gaussian	$e^{-\frac{\sigma^2(x-y)^2}{2}}$	Gaussian
inverse quadric	$\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2+(x-y)^2}$	Laplace
–	$\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(1/\alpha)} {}_1\Psi_1\left(\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{2}{\alpha}\right); \left(\frac{1}{2}; 1\right), \frac{-[\beta(x-y)]^2}{4}\right)$	generalized Gaussian <sup>a</sup>
inverse multiquadric	$\left[\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2+(x-y)^2}\right]^b$	variance Gamma
–	$\sum_{n \in 2\mathbb{N}} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n}{2}} (x-y)^n \lambda^n}{n!} \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{n}{s}\right)$	Weibull (S) <sup>b</sup>
–	$\frac{[1-2i(x-y)]^{-\frac{s}{2}} + [1+2i(x-y)]^{-\frac{s}{2}}}{2}$	chi-squared (S) <sup>b</sup>
–	$\frac{\left[1 - \frac{i(x-y)}{\lambda}\right]^{-s} + \left[1 + \frac{i(x-y)}{\lambda}\right]^{-s}}{2}$	Erlang (S) <sup>b</sup>
–	$\frac{[1-\theta i(x-y)]^{-s} + [1+\theta i(x-y)]^{-s}}{2}$	Gamma (S) <sup>b</sup>
–	$1 - \sigma(x-y)e^{-\frac{\sigma^2(x-y)^2}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{erfi}\left(\frac{\sigma(x-y)}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$	Rayleigh (S) <sup>b</sup>
–	${}_1F_1\left(\frac{s}{2}; \frac{1}{2}; \frac{-(x-y)^2}{2}\right)$	chi (S) <sup>b</sup>
–	$\sum_{n \in 2\mathbb{N}} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n}{2}} (x-y)^n \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{\alpha} + 1\right)}{-\log(p)n! \beta^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \operatorname{Li}_{\frac{n}{\alpha}+1}(1-p)$	Weibull-logarithmic (S) <sup>b,c</sup>
–	$\frac{1}{2} [c_\Lambda(x-y) + c_\Lambda(y-x)],$ with $c_\Lambda(t) =$ $= \beta^s \frac{sb}{sb-ti} {}_2F_1\left(s+1; -\frac{ti}{b} + s; -\frac{ti}{b} + s + 1; 1 - \beta\right)$	Gamma/Gompertz (S) <sup>b</sup>
sech	$\operatorname{sech}(x-y)$	hyperbolic secant
–	$\frac{\pi s(x-y)}{\sinh(\pi s(x-y))}$	logistic
–	$e^{\delta[\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 + (x-y)^2}]}$	normal-inverse Gaussian
–	$\frac{\alpha K_1(\delta \sqrt{\alpha^2 + (x-y)^2})}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + (x-y)^2} K_1(\delta \alpha)}$	hyperbolic
–	$\left[\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + (x-y)^2}}\right]^\lambda \frac{K_\lambda(\delta \sqrt{\alpha^2 + (x-y)^2})}{K_\lambda(\delta \alpha)}$	generalized hyperbolic

a. The analytical computation of the characteristic function (and hence the kernel value) was carried out for  $\alpha > 1$  (Pogány and Nadarajah, 2010).

b. In case of symmetrization (S):  $k(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} [c_\Lambda(x-y) + c_\Lambda(y-x)]$  where  $c_\Lambda(t) = \mathbb{E}_{\omega \sim \Lambda}[e^{it\omega}]$  is the characteristic function of the spectral measure (on  $\mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ ) before symmetrization;  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .

c. The characteristic function was obtained by Ciumara and Preda (2009).

Table 3: Kernel examples for the spectral densities given in Table 2. The special functions  ${}_1\Psi_1$ ,  $\operatorname{erfi}$ ,  ${}_1F_1$ ,  $\operatorname{Li}$ ,  ${}_2F_1$  and  $K_\lambda$  are defined in Table 4.

- (i) Normalization: If  $X \in L_\Psi$  then  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \Psi \left( \frac{\|X\|_2}{\|X\|_\Psi} \right) \right] \leq 1$ .
- (ii) Constant: For a  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  constant  $\|\lambda\|_\Psi = |\lambda|/\Psi^{-1}(1)$ .
- (iii) Monotonicity in  $\Psi$ :  $\Psi \leq \Phi$  implies  $\|X\|_\Psi \leq \|X\|_\Phi$ .
- (iv) Monotonicity in the argument: If  $d = 1$  and  $0 \leq X \leq X'$  a.s., then  $\|X\|_\Psi \leq \|X'\|_\Psi$ .
- (v) Finite  $\|\cdot\|_\Psi$  implies integrability: If  $\Psi$  is convex and  $X \in L_\Psi$ , then  $\mathbb{E} [\|X\|_2] \leq \|X\|_\Psi \Psi^{-1}(1)$ .
- (vi) Generalized triangle inequality: Let  $X, X' \in L_{\Psi_\alpha}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Then  $X + X' \in L_{\Psi_\alpha}$  and

$$\|X + X'\|_{\Psi_\alpha} \leq 2^{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}-1\right)_+} \left( \|X\|_{\Psi_\alpha} + \|X'\|_{\Psi_\alpha} \right).$$

- (vii) Deviation inequality from  $\|\cdot\|_\Psi$ : If  $X \in L_\Psi$  then  $\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_2 \geq c) \leq \frac{2}{\Psi(c/\|X\|_\Psi)+1}$  for any  $c \geq 0$ .
- (viii) Maximal inequality for  $\|\cdot\|_{\Psi_\alpha}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ : for any sequence  $(X_m)_{m=1}^M$  of random variables in  $L_{\Psi_\alpha}$ , we have

$$\left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_2 \right\|_{\Psi_\alpha} \leq \max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_{\Psi_\alpha} \left[ \frac{\log(1+M)}{\log(3/2)} \right]^{1/\alpha}.$$

The proofs of these properties are available in Section A.3.

## 5. Proofs

After introducing a few additional notations, we provide the proofs of our results and remarks presented in Sections 3 and 4. External statements used in the proofs are summarized in Section C.

**Notations:** For  $\gamma \in (0, 1]$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ , let  $I_\gamma(x) = \int_0^x e^{-t^\gamma} dt$  be the incomplete Gamma function. Let  $(Z, m)$  be a semi-metric space and  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . The set  $S \subseteq Z$  is said to be an  $\epsilon$ -net of  $Z$  if for any  $z \in Z$  there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $m(s, z) \leq \epsilon$ . The  $\epsilon$ -covering number of  $Z$  is defined as the size of the smallest  $\epsilon$ -net, i.e.,  $N(\epsilon, m, Z) = \inf \left\{ \ell \geq 1 : \exists s_1, \dots, s_\ell \in Z \text{ such that } Z \subseteq \cup_{j=1}^\ell B_m(s_j, \epsilon) \right\}$ , where  $B_m(s, \epsilon) = \{z \in Z : m(z, s) \leq \epsilon\}$  is the closed ball with center  $s \in Z$  and radius  $\epsilon$ .

### 5.1 Proof of Remark 2(v)

In view of (8)-(9), we need to check Assumptions 1-4 with the parameterized function class

$$g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) := f_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) - \Lambda f_{\mathbf{z}} = \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathbf{p}}(-\boldsymbol{\omega})^{\mathbf{q}} c_{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{z} \right) - \Lambda f_{\mathbf{z}}, \quad (\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta).$$

Thanks to the  $\alpha$ -exponential Orlicz condition on  $\Lambda$  and the i.i.d. property of  $(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)_{m \in [M]}$  in (7), Assumption 3 is trivially fulfilled. Assumption 4 holds by the definition of  $g_{\mathbf{z}}(\cdot)$  and because the distribution of  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_m$  is  $\Lambda$ . Assumption 1 is satisfied since  $S_\Delta$  is a compact set of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Therefore, it remains to prove Assumption 2, with the existence of  $n \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $L \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ . First, notice that

$$|f_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})| \leq \prod_{i \in [d]} |\omega_i|^{p_i+q_i} \leq \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|}. \quad (16)$$



- **Order:** (16) implies that

$$|g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})| \leq |f_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})| + \Lambda |f_{\mathbf{z}}| \leq \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} + \Lambda \left[ \|\cdot\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} \right] =: L_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}). \quad (17)$$

- **Lipschitz condition:** Let  $[\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2] = \{a\mathbf{z}_1 + (1-a)\mathbf{z}_2 : a \in [0, 1]\}$  denote the segment connecting  $\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . By using the mean value theorem

$$|g_{\mathbf{z}_1}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) - g_{\mathbf{z}_2}(\boldsymbol{\omega})| \leq \max_{\mathbf{z} \in [\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2]} \left\| \frac{\partial g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \right\|_2 \|\mathbf{z}_1 - \mathbf{z}_2\|_2, \quad (18)$$

$\frac{\partial g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})}{\partial \mathbf{z}} - \Lambda \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$  with  $\frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathbf{p}}(-\boldsymbol{\omega})^{\mathbf{q}} c_{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|+1} (\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{z}) \boldsymbol{\omega}$ , and by using similar computations as before, one gets

$$\left\| \frac{\partial g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \right\|_2 \leq \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|+1} + \Lambda \left[ \|\cdot\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|+1} \right] =: L_2(\boldsymbol{\omega}). \quad (19)$$

As a result, to fulfill Assumption 2, we can take  $L(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \max(L_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}), L_2(\boldsymbol{\omega}))$  and  $\rho(u) = u$ . For such  $L$ , we have  $n = |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| + 1$ .

**Refined  $L$  and  $\rho$ :** We now derive refined  $L$  and  $\rho$ , by interpolating different bounds. From (17), we can obtain the crude estimate  $|g_{\mathbf{z}_1}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) - g_{\mathbf{z}_2}(\boldsymbol{\omega})| \leq 2L_1(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ , which combined with (18)-(19) gives

$$|g_{\mathbf{z}_1}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) - g_{\mathbf{z}_2}(\boldsymbol{\omega})| \leq (2L_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}))^{1-\beta} \left[ \|\mathbf{z}_1 - \mathbf{z}_2\|_2 L_2(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \right]^\beta \quad (20)$$

for any  $\beta \in (0, 1]$ . Here we have used that if  $0 \leq x \leq \min(x_1, x_2)$  then  $x \leq x_1^{1-\beta} x_2^\beta$ . It follows that one can take

$$\rho(u) = u^\beta, \quad n = |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| + \beta, \quad L(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \max \left( L_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}), (2L_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}))^{1-\beta} L_2^\beta(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \right) \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}. \quad (21)$$

For  $\beta = 1$ , we retrieve the former choice of  $L$  and  $\rho$ . Furthermore, we have

$$I_\rho(|T|) = |T|^\beta \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log \left( 1 + \frac{2|T|}{(u|T|^\beta)^{1/\beta}} \right)} du = |T|^\beta \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log \left( 1 + \frac{2}{u^{1/\beta}} \right)} du < +\infty. \quad (22)$$

Notice that the advantage of having the additional degree-of-freedom  $\beta$  is two-fold, and it is striking when  $\beta \rightarrow 0$  (compared to  $\beta = 1$ ). Firstly, it gives a smaller  $n$ , which has a (slight) positive impact on the control of statistical fluctuations; secondly, the dependence of  $I_\rho(|T|)$  in the diameter  $|T|$  is smaller through the growth exponent.

To conclude, we have proved that Orlicz RFFs fulfill the assumptions of Theorem 1. Later in Section 5.6, we will establish that  $I_\rho(|T|)$  satisfies a (tight) bound w.r.t.  $\sqrt{1 + (\log|T|)_+}$ .

## 5.2 Proof that Polynomial Growth Preserves the Exponential Orlicz Property

We show that  $\|f(\mathbf{X})\|_{\Psi_\gamma} < \infty$  for  $\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\Psi_\alpha} < \infty$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\gamma = \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . Indeed, by the definition of  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ , there exists  $C \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $|f(\mathbf{x})| \leq C(1 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^n)$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Hence for any  $\gamma > 0$

$$|f(\mathbf{x})|^\gamma \leq C^\gamma (1 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^n)^\gamma \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 2^{(\gamma-1)+} C^\gamma (1 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^{n\gamma}), \quad (23)$$

where in (\*) we used that

$$(a + b)^\gamma \leq 2^{(\gamma-1)+} (a^\gamma + b^\gamma), \quad a, b \geq 0, \gamma > 0. \quad (24)$$

Since  $\mathbf{X} \in L_{\Psi_\alpha}$  there is some  $s \in \mathbb{R}^+$  for which  $\mathbb{E} \left[ e^{s\|\mathbf{X}\|_2^\alpha} \right] < \infty$ . Combining this property with (23) and recalling that  $n\gamma = \alpha$  yields

$$e^{s'|f(\mathbf{x})|^\gamma} \leq e^{s'2^{(\gamma-1)+} + C\gamma(1+\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^\alpha)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{s'|f(\mathbf{X})|^\gamma} \right] \leq e^{s'2^{(\gamma-1)+} + C\gamma} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{s\|\mathbf{X}\|_2^\alpha} \right] < \infty$$

with  $s' = \frac{s}{2^{(\gamma-1)+} + C\gamma}$ ; this shows that  $f(\mathbf{X}) \in L_{\Psi_\gamma}$ .

### 5.3 Proof of Theorem 1

By introducing the  $\mathcal{R}_c f(\mathbf{x}) := f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{T}_c f(\mathbf{x})$  notation of residuals obtained at level  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$  (the value of  $c$  will be specified later), we bound the target quantity by using the sub-additivity of supremum

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} \underbrace{f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)}_{\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) + \mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)} \\ &= \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} (\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)] + \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)] + \mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)) \\ &\leq \underbrace{\sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} (\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)])}_{\bar{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}} + \underbrace{\sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} \mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) \right]}_{\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{T}_c}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} \mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)}_{Z^{\mathcal{R}_c}}. \end{aligned}$$

This means that using  $c$  for which  $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{T}_c} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ ,

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) \geq \varepsilon \right) \leq \mathbb{P} (Z^{\mathcal{R}_c} \geq \varepsilon/3) + \mathbb{P} (\bar{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c} \geq \varepsilon/3). \quad (25)$$

The structure of our proof is as follows.

1. Unbounded part ( $Z^{\mathcal{R}_c}$ ): Based on the Talagrand and the Hoffman-Jorgensen inequalities, for large enough  $c$  (referred to as  $c_{\text{HJ}}$ ) we will derive an exponential control over  $\mathbb{P} (Z^{\mathcal{R}_c} \geq \varepsilon/3)$  expressed with  $\|\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)|\|_{\Psi_\gamma}$  which is finite by Section 5.4.
2. Bounded part ( $\bar{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}$ ): We handle this term using the Klein-Rio inequality and the Dudley entropy integral bound. In addition, this part will give rise to the constraint (10) on  $\varepsilon$ .
3. Truncation ( $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{T}_c}$ ): As  $\mathbb{E}[f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)] = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}} \approx f_{\mathbf{t}}$  and  $\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)] \approx 0$  for large  $c$  (called  $c_{\text{min}}$ ). The  $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{T}_c} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$  requirement can be controlled via the integral form of the expectation of non-negative random variables and the incomplete Gamma function.

The bounding of the  $Z^{\mathcal{R}_c}$ ,  $\overline{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}$  and  $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{T}_c}$  quantities is detailed in the following sections. Plugging the (26) and (28) results of the computations into (25) gives the final bound (11). The  $\varepsilon$  constraint comes from (33), provided that  $c \geq c_{\min} \vee c_{\text{HJ}}$ . The constants  $c_{\min}$  and  $c_{\text{HJ}}$  are defined in (35) and (38), respectively.

### 5.3.1 BOUNDING $Z^{\mathcal{R}_c}$

$\mathbb{P}(Z^{\mathcal{R}_c} \geq \varepsilon/3)$  is bounded as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(Z^{\mathcal{R}_c} \geq \varepsilon/3) &\leq \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \sum_{m \in [M]} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \geq M\varepsilon/3\right) \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \geq M\varepsilon/3\right) \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} 2e^{-\left(\frac{M\varepsilon/3}{\|\sum_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)|\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}\right)^\gamma} \\ &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} 2e^{-\left(\frac{M\varepsilon}{3K\gamma \|\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)|\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}\right)^\gamma}, \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where in (a) we used the sub-additivity of the supremum, in (b) the deviation inequality Section (4)(vii) was applied, (c) holds by Section 5.5 for  $c \geq c_{\text{HJ}}$  (the value of  $c_{\text{HJ}}$  is defined in Section 5.5).

### 5.3.2 BOUNDING $\overline{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}$

Below we will invoke the Klein-Rio inequality and control the expectation  $\mathbb{E}[\overline{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}]$ .

- **Klein-Rio inequality:** Let  $g_{m,\mathbf{t}} : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)]$  and let us define the function classes

$$\mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F}^{[M]} := \{\mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{t}} := (g_{1,\mathbf{t}}, \dots, g_{M,\mathbf{t}}) : \mathbf{t} \in T\}, \quad \mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F} := \{\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}} : \mathbf{t} \in T\}.$$

- $g_{m,\mathbf{t}} \in [-2c, 2c]$  are measurable and bounded functions.
- Centering: by construction  $\mathbb{E}[g_{m,\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)] = 0$  ( $\forall m \in [M]$ ).
- Countability: Since  $\mathbf{t} \mapsto f_{\mathbf{t}}$  is continuous, the  $\sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T}$  can be restricted to rational numbers ( $T \cap \mathbb{Q}^d$ ), one can take  $T \leftarrow T \cap \mathbb{Q}^d$ , and assume that  $\mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F}^{[M]}$  is countable.

If

$$\mathbb{E}[\overline{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}] \leq \varepsilon/6, \quad (27)$$

then the Klein-Rio inequality (Theorem 8 where the  $\sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T}$  and  $\sup_{\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F}^{[M]}}$  coincide) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(\overline{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c} \geq \varepsilon/3) &\stackrel{(27)}{\leq} \mathbb{P}\left(\overline{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c} - \mathbb{E}[\overline{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}] \geq \varepsilon/6\right) \leq e^{-\frac{M(\varepsilon/6)^2}{2(\overline{\sigma}^2 + 4c\mathbb{E}[\overline{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}] + 6c\varepsilon/6)}} \\ &\stackrel{(27)}{\leq} e^{-\frac{M(\varepsilon/6)^2}{2\overline{\sigma}^2 + 14c\varepsilon/6}} = e^{-\frac{M\varepsilon^2}{72\overline{\sigma}^2 + 84c\varepsilon}} \leq e^{-\frac{M\varepsilon^2}{72\overline{\sigma}^2 + 84c\varepsilon}}, \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where the weak variance  $\bar{\sigma}^2$  is defined and bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\sigma}^2 &:= \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) - \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)])^2 \right] \leq \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m))^2 \right] \\ &\leq \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} \mathbb{E} [f_{\mathbf{t}}^2(\mathbf{X}_m)] =: \sigma^2.\end{aligned}$$

- **Bounding  $\mathbb{E} [\bar{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}]$ :** We control  $\mathbb{E} [\bar{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}]$  in (27) by the Dudley entropy integral bound. In this bound the covering number of  $\mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F}$  is estimated by that of the compact set  $T \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  with propagation relying on Assumption (2b).
- **Dudley entropy integral bound:** Slight modification (without absolute value) of van der Vaart and Wellner (1996, Lemma 2.3.1) gives

$$\mathbb{E} [\bar{Z}^{\mathcal{T}_c}] \leq 2 \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{X}_{1:M}, \mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F})], \quad (29)$$

where  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_{1:M}, \mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F}) := \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} \varepsilon_m \mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}_m) \right]$  is the Rademacher average of  $\mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_{1:M} := (\mathbf{X}_m)_{m \in [M]}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_{1:M} := (\mathbf{x}_m)_{m \in [M]}$ ,  $\varepsilon := (\varepsilon_m)_{m \in [M]}$  contains independent Rademacher variables (i.e.  $\mathbb{P}(\varepsilon_m = \pm 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ ), and  $\varepsilon$  is independent of  $\mathbf{X}_{1:M}$ .

Let  $Z_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{1:M}) := \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} \varepsilon_m \mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}_m)$ , so  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_{1:M}, \mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F}) = \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} [\sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} Z_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}_{1:M})]$ , and

define the pseudo-metric on  $T$  as  $d(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s}) := \left( \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} [\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}_m) - \mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{x}_m)]^2 \right)^{1/2}$ .

The  $\{Z_{\mathbf{t}} : \mathbf{t} \in T\}$  process is

- \* separable since it is continuous, and  $T \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is separable,
- \* centered thanks to the Rademacher variables,
- \* sub-Gaussian with respect to  $M^{-1/2}d$ : indeed, for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s} \in T$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon} \left[ e^{\lambda(Z_{\mathbf{t}} - Z_{\mathbf{s}})} \right] &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \prod_{m=1}^M \mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon_m} \left[ e^{\varepsilon_m \frac{\lambda}{M} [\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}_m) - \mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{x}_m)]} \right] \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \prod_{m=1}^M e^{\frac{\lambda^2}{2M^2} [\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}_m) - \mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{x}_m)]^2} \\ &= e^{\frac{\lambda^2 (M^{-1/2} d(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s}))^2}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

In (a) we used the independence of  $\varepsilon_m$ -s, (b) follows from  $\mathbb{E}_{\varepsilon_m} [e^{a\varepsilon_m}] = \cosh(a) \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} e^{\frac{a^2}{2}}$  ( $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ ), where  $(*)$  can be obtained from the power series expansion of the  $\cosh(\cdot)$  and the exponential function.

Hence Theorem 9 can be applied:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_{1:M}, \mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F}) &\leq C_D \int_0^{\infty} \sqrt{\log(N(\varepsilon, M^{-1/2}d, T))} d\varepsilon \\ &= \frac{C_D}{\sqrt{M}} \int_0^{\infty} \sqrt{\log(N(\varepsilon, d, T))} d\varepsilon,\end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where we used the  $N(\varepsilon, M^{-1/2}d, T) = N(M^{1/2}\varepsilon, d, T)$  identity, and applied an  $\tilde{\varepsilon} = M^{1/2}\varepsilon$  substitution. We note that the above infinite integral can be truncated at  $|T|_d := \sup_{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s} \in T} d(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s})$ , the  $d$ -diameter of  $T$ , since  $N(\varepsilon, d, T) = 1$  for  $\varepsilon \geq |T|_d$ .

– **Covering number:** By (12) one can relate  $d(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s})$  and  $\|\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{s}\|_2$  as

$$d(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s}) \leq \left[ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} L^2(\mathbf{x}_m) \right]^{1/2} \rho(\|\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{s}\|_2) := \|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:M})} \rho(\|\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{s}\|_2),$$

which implies

$$N(\varepsilon, d, T) \leq N\left(\rho^{-1}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:M})}}\right), \|\cdot\|_2, T\right), \quad (31)$$

$$|T|_d \leq \|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:M})} \sup_{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s} \in T} \rho(\|\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{s}\|_2) \leq \|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:M})} \rho(|T|). \quad (32)$$

In the last inequality the increasing property of  $\rho$  was exploited. Combining (31)-(32) with the well-known bound (van de Geer, 2000, Lemma 2.5) on the covering number<sup>7</sup> of a compact set  $T \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

$$N(\varepsilon', \|\cdot\|_2, T) \leq \left(\frac{2|T|}{\varepsilon'} + 1\right)^d, \quad \forall \varepsilon' > 0,$$

(30) can be estimated further as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_{1:M}, \mathcal{T}_c \mathcal{F}) &\leq \frac{C_D \sqrt{d'}}{\sqrt{M}} \int_0^{\|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:M})} \rho(|T|)} \sqrt{\log\left(\frac{2|T|}{\rho^{-1}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:M})}}\right)} + 1\right)} d\varepsilon \\ &= C_D \sqrt{d'} \frac{\|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:M})} \rho(|T|)}{\sqrt{M}} \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log\left(1 + \frac{2|T|}{\rho^{-1}(u\rho(|T|))}\right)} du, \end{aligned}$$

where we introduced the new variable  $u = \frac{\varepsilon}{\|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:M})} \rho(|T|)}$ . Substituting this bound into (29) we arrive at

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \overline{\mathcal{Z}}^{\mathcal{T}_c} \right] \leq 2C_D \sqrt{d'} \frac{\mathbb{E} \left[ \|L\|_{L^2(\mathbf{x}_{1:M})} \right]}{\sqrt{M}} I_\rho(|T|) =: B. \quad (33)$$

To guarantee  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \overline{\mathcal{Z}}^{\mathcal{T}_c} \right] \leq \varepsilon/6$ , we solve  $B \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$ ; this gives the (10) bound on  $\varepsilon$ .

### 5.3.3 BOUNDING $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{T}_c}$

• **Bounding  $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{T}_c}$  by the incomplete Gamma function ( $I_\gamma$ ):**

$$\mathbb{E} [\mathcal{T}_c f_t(\mathbf{X}_m)] \stackrel{(a)}{=} -\mathbb{E} [\mathcal{R}_c f_t(\mathbf{X}_m)] \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \mathbb{E} [(-f_t(\mathbf{X}_m) - c) \mathbf{1}_{f_t(\mathbf{X}_m) \leq -c}]$$

7. In our definition of the covering number, in its bound on compact sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  (van de Geer, 2000, Lemma 2.5) and in the final Dudley entropy bound (Bartlett, 2013, Lecture 11, 14) the elements of the  $\varepsilon$ -net are assumed to belong to the set covered.

$$\stackrel{(c)}{=} \int_c^\infty \mathbb{P}(-f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) \geq y) dy. \quad (34)$$

In (a) we used that  $\mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) = f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\mathbb{E}[f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)] = 0$ , (b) follows from

$$\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) = [f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) + c] \mathbb{1}_{f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) \leq -c} + [f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) - c] \mathbb{1}_{f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) \geq c} \geq [f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) + c] \mathbb{1}_{f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) \leq -c}.$$

(c) holds by using that for a  $Z \geq 0$  random variable,  $\mathbb{E}[Z] = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(Z \geq z) dz$ ; we choose  $Z = \max(0, -f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) - c)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{T}_c} &= \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} \mathcal{T}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) \right] \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \int_c^\infty \mathbb{P}(-f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) \geq y) dy \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} 2 \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \int_c^\infty e^{-\left(\frac{y}{\|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}\right)^\gamma} dy \\ &\stackrel{(c)}{=} 2 \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \left( \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \int_{\frac{c}{\|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}}^\infty e^{-u^\gamma} du \right) \\ &\stackrel{(d)}{=} 2 \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \left( \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-u^\gamma} du - \int_0^{\frac{c}{\|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}} e^{-u^\gamma} du \right] \right) \\ &\stackrel{(e)}{=} 2 \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \left( \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \left[ \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}\right) - I_\gamma\left(\frac{c}{\|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}\right) \right] \right) \\ &\stackrel{(f)}{\leq} 2 \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \left[ \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}\right) - I_\gamma\left(\frac{c}{\max_{m' \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t}' \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}'}(\mathbf{X}_{m'})\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}\right) \right] \\ &\stackrel{(g)}{\leq} 2\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}\right) \left( 1 - \left[ 1 - e^{-\beta_\gamma \left(\frac{c}{\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}\right)^\gamma} \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \right) \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \\ &=: \tilde{B}, \end{aligned}$$

where (a) holds by taking maximum over  $m \in [M]$  and using (34), (b) follows from the  $\mathbb{P}(-f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m) \geq y) \leq 2e^{-\left(\frac{y}{\|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}\right)^\gamma}$  deviation inequality implied by Section 4(vii). (c) was obtained from a  $u = \frac{y}{\|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}$  substitution, in (d) we decomposed the integral to have the incomplete Gamma function appear. (e) is a consequence of the definition of  $I_\gamma$  and the limit

$$I_\gamma(x) = \int_0^x e^{-t^\gamma} dt = \frac{1}{\gamma} \int_0^{x^\frac{1}{\gamma}} u^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} e^{-u} du \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\gamma} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right) = \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}\right),$$

where we applied an  $u = t^\gamma$  substitution and the  $\Gamma(z+1) = z\Gamma(z)$  recursion. (f) comes from the monotonicity of  $I_\gamma$  ( $I_\gamma(x) \leq I_\gamma(y)$  if  $x \leq y$ ). (g) follows from applying the lower bound on  $I_\gamma$  from Theorem 10 with  $x = \frac{c}{\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}$ .

- **Additional truncation level bound on  $c$ :** Guaranteeing  $\tilde{B} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$  (and thus  $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{T}c} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ ) is equivalent to choosing  $c$  large enough such that

$$1 - \left[ 1 - e^{-\beta_\gamma \left( \frac{c}{\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}} \right)^\gamma} \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6\Gamma \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}.$$

Because  $\gamma \leq 1$ , the function  $h : x \mapsto 1 - (1 - x)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$  is concave on  $[0, 1]$ , and thus it is below its tangent line computed at  $(0, h(0))$ , i.e.  $1 - (1 - x)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \leq \frac{1}{\gamma}x$ . Therefore choosing

$x = e^{-\beta_\gamma \left( \frac{c}{\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}} \right)^\gamma}$  it is enough to use  $c$  such that

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} e^{-\beta_\gamma \left( \frac{c}{\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}} \right)^\gamma} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6\Gamma \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}.$$

Solving this inequality for  $c$  means that

$$c \geq c_{\min} := \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \left[ \frac{1}{\beta_\gamma} \log \left( \frac{6\Gamma \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} \|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}}{\gamma \varepsilon} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}. \quad (35)$$

#### 5.4 Proof of $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ , $\mathbb{E} [\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)|] < \infty$ , and

$$\left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_{\frac{\alpha}{n}}} < \infty$$

By Assumption (2a)-(2b), the triangle inequality and the monotonicity of  $\rho$ , one gets

$$|f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x})| \leq |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) - f_{\mathbf{t}_0}(\mathbf{x})| + |f_{\mathbf{t}_0}(\mathbf{x})| \leq L(\mathbf{x}) [\rho(\|\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{t}_0\|_2) + 1] \leq L(\mathbf{x})[\rho(|T|) + 1], \quad (36)$$

for any  $\mathbf{t} \in T, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . The individual statements now can be proved as follows.

- $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ : By  $L \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$  and (36),  $f_{\mathbf{t}} \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$  for all  $\mathbf{t} \in T$ , in other words  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ .
- **Finiteness of  $\left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_{\frac{\alpha}{n}}}$ :** Using (36), we get

$$\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \leq [\rho(|T|) + 1] \sum_{m \in [M]} L(\mathbf{X}_m). \quad (37)$$

Thanks to Section 5.2, each  $L(\mathbf{X}_m)$  belongs to  $L_{\Psi_{\frac{\alpha}{n}}}$ . Combining this with the generalized triangular inequality Section 4(vi) gives the claim.

- **Finiteness of  $\mathbb{E} [\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)|]$ :** Each  $L(\mathbf{X}_m)$  is integrable (because  $L$  has a polynomial growth and the distribution of  $X_m$  satisfies the  $\alpha$ -Orlicz exponential assumption). Thus, the statement follows from (37).

#### 5.5 Control if $c \geq c_{HJ}$

We show that under the assumptions of Theorem 1 with

$$c \geq c_{HJ} := 8\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \quad (38)$$

one has

$$\left\| \sum_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \leq K_\gamma \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma}. \quad (39)$$

Notice that  $c_{\text{HJ}}$  is finite by Section 5.4. We bound the l.h.s. of (39):

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \sum_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} = \\ & = \left\| \sum_{m \in [M]} \left( \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| - \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right) \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \\ & \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} 2^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} \left( \left\| \sum_{m \in [M]} \left( \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| - \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right) \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} + \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left\| \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \right) \\ & \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} 2^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} \left( C_\gamma \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m \in [M]} \left( \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| - \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right) \right] \right) + \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \left| \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| - \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \right) + \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\Psi_\gamma^{-1}(1)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right) \\ & =: 2^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} \left[ C_\gamma (E_1 + E_2) + \frac{1}{\Psi_\gamma^{-1}(1)} E_3 \right]. \quad (40) \end{aligned}$$

In (a) we applied the generalized triangle inequality Section 4(vi) and  $\left(\frac{1}{\gamma} - 1\right)_+ = \frac{1}{\gamma} - 1$  as  $\gamma = \frac{\alpha}{n} \in (0, 1]$ . In (b) the Talagrand inequality (45) was invoked with the  $Y_m := \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| - \mathbb{E} [\sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)|]$  centered variables and  $B := \mathbb{R}$ , followed by taking the  $\gamma$ -Orlicz norm of the constant  $\lambda := \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right]$  according to Section 4(ii).

We continue the derivation with bounding the  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  terms in (40).

• **Bounding  $E_1$ :**

$$E_1 = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \sum_{m \in [M]} \left( \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| - \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right) \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \right]$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} 2\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} 16\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \\
 &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} 16\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \stackrel{(d)}{\leq} 16 \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma^{(l)}} \left( \Psi_\gamma^{(l)} \right)^{-1} (1) \\
 &\stackrel{(e)}{\leq} 16 \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \left( \Psi_\gamma^{(l)} \right)^{-1} (1),
 \end{aligned}$$

where in (a) we used the triangle inequality, in (b) we applied the Hoffman-Jorgensen inequality (Theorem 6;  $t_0 = 0$ ,  $p = 1$ ,  $B = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $Y_m = \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)|$ ) with

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| > 0 \right) &\stackrel{(f)}{=} \mathbb{P} \left( \max_{j \in [M]} \sum_{m \in [j]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| > 0 \right) \\
 &= \mathbb{P} \left( \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| > c \right) \\
 &\stackrel{(g)}{\leq} \mathbb{P} \left( \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \geq c_{\text{HJ}} \right) \stackrel{(h)}{\leq} \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2 \times 4^p} \text{ with } p = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

In (f) the non-negativity of  $Y_m$  was exploited; in (g)  $c \geq c_{\text{HJ}}$  was used. We applied the Markov inequality and the definition of  $c_{\text{HJ}}$  in (h). (c) holds by  $|\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \leq |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)|$ . In (d) and (e) we applied Section 4(v) with the convex  $\Psi_\gamma^{(l)}$  defined in Section A.1 and the monotonicity property Section 4(iii) with  $\Psi_\gamma^{(l)} \leq \Psi_\gamma$ , respectively.

• **Bounding  $E_2$ :**

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_2 &= \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| - \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right] \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \\
 &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \left( \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| + \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right) \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \\
 &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| + \max_{m \in [M]} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \\
 &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} 2^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} \left( \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} + \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{(d)}{\leq} 2^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} \left( \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} + \frac{1}{\Psi_\gamma^{-1}(1)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \right) \\
 &\stackrel{(e)}{\leq} 2^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} \left( \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} + \frac{\left( \Psi_\gamma^{(l)} \right)^{-1} (1)}{\Psi_\gamma^{-1}(1)} \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma^{(l)}} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{(f)}{\leq} 2^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} \left( 1 + \frac{\left( \Psi_\gamma^{(l)} \right)^{-1} (1)}{\Psi_\gamma^{-1}(1)} \right) \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in T} |f_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In (a) we used the triangle inequality with the monotonicity Section 4(iv), (b) holds by the sub-additivity of the maximum and again the monotonicity Section 4(iv), in (c) we applied the generalized triangle inequality Section 4(vi) and that  $\left(\frac{1}{\gamma} - 1\right)_+ = \frac{1}{\gamma} - 1$  as  $\gamma \in (0, 1]$ , (d) holds by Section 4(ii) with the constant  $\lambda = \mathbb{E} [\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{t \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_t(\mathbf{X}_m)|]$ , (e) is by the monotonicity Section 4(iv) as  $|\mathcal{R}_c f_t(\mathbf{X}_m)| \leq |f_t(\mathbf{X}_m)|$ , and by Section 4(v), (f) follows from  $\Psi_\gamma^{(l)} \leq \Psi_\gamma$  combined with the monotonicity Section 4(iii).

- **Bounding  $E_3$ :** By (b)-(e) of the  $E_1$  derivation we have that

$$E_3 = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m \in [M]} \sup_{t \in T} |\mathcal{R}_c f_t(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right] \leq 8 \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{t \in T} |f_t(\mathbf{X}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \left( \Psi_\gamma^{(l)} \right)^{-1} (1).$$

By adding the obtained  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  bounds, we get (39) with  $K_\gamma$  defined in Theorem 1.

## 5.6 Bounding the Driving Terms of Theorem 1 for RFF

We bound the constants of Theorem 1 in the RFF case described in Remark 2(v).

- **The term  $B$ :** It is defined in (10). Recalling the expression (22) for  $I_\rho(|T|)$  and using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality for bounding  $\mathbb{E} [\|L\|_{L^2(\omega_{1:M})}]$  by  $\sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{\omega \sim \Lambda} [L^2(\omega)]}$  gives

$$B \leq 2C_D \sqrt{d} \frac{\sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{\omega \sim \Lambda} [L^2(\omega)]}}{\sqrt{M}} |S_\Delta|^\beta \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log(1 + 2u^{-1/\beta})} du.$$

We now aim at showing a tight bound for  $|S_\Delta|^\beta \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log(1 + 2u^{-1/\beta})} du$  w.r.t.  $|S_\Delta|$  with an appropriate choice of  $\beta = \beta(|S_\Delta|)$ . Indeed, let  $\beta = \frac{1}{1 + (\log|S_\Delta|)_+} \in (0, 1]$ . We start by proving the bound

$$I_\beta := \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log(1 + 2u^{-1/\beta})} du \leq \frac{4}{\sqrt{\beta}}, \quad \forall \beta \in (0, 1]. \quad (41)$$

By the change of variable  $t = \beta \log(1 + 2u^{-1/\beta})$  (i.e.  $u = \left(\frac{e^{t/\beta} - 1}{2}\right)^{-\beta}$ ), we get

$$I_\beta = \frac{2^\beta}{\sqrt{\beta}} \int_{\beta \log(3)}^\infty \frac{\sqrt{t} e^{t/\beta}}{(e^{t/\beta} - 1)^{\beta+1}} dt = \frac{2^\beta}{\sqrt{\beta}} \int_{\beta \log(3)}^\infty \frac{\sqrt{t}}{e^t (1 - e^{-t/\beta})^{\beta+1}} dt.$$

Using the fact that  $1 - e^{-t/\beta} \geq \frac{2}{3}$  on  $[\beta \log(3), +\infty)$ , we arrive at

$$I_\beta \leq \frac{3^{\beta+1}}{2\sqrt{\beta}} \int_{\beta \log(3)}^\infty \sqrt{t} e^{-t} dt \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \frac{9}{2\sqrt{\beta}} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \leq \frac{4}{\sqrt{\beta}},$$

where the inequality  $(*)$  is obtained by taking  $\beta = 1$  in  $3^{\beta+1}$  and  $\beta = 0$  in the integral; hence (41) is proved. Now, using (41) with  $\beta = \frac{1}{1 + (\log|S_\Delta|)_+}$  and its  $|S_\Delta|^\beta = e^{\frac{\log|S_\Delta|}{1 + (\log|S_\Delta|)_+}}$  implication, we get

$$|S_\Delta|^\beta \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log(1 + 2u^{-1/\beta})} du \leq 4e^{\frac{\log|S_\Delta|}{1 + (\log|S_\Delta|)_+}} \sqrt{1 + (\log|S_\Delta|)_+} \leq 4e\sqrt{1 + (\log|S_\Delta|)_+},$$

and therefore

$$B \leq \frac{8eC_D \sqrt{d} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\omega} \sim \Lambda} [L^2(\boldsymbol{\omega})]} \sqrt{1 + (\log |S_\Delta|)_+}}{\sqrt{M}}.$$

- **The term  $\sigma^2$ :** It is defined in Theorem 1. Since the variance is bounded by the second moment,  $\mathbb{E} [g_{\mathbf{z}}^2(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)] \leq \mathbb{E} [f_{\mathbf{z}}^2(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)]$ . Furthermore, since  $(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)_{m=1}^M$  are i.i.d., the previous expectation can be bounded by  $\mathbb{E} [\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^{2|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|}]$  using (16). As a result, we get

$$\sigma^2 \leq \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\omega} \sim \Lambda} [\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^{2|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|}].$$

- **The term  $\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} \|g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma}$  with  $\gamma = \alpha/n \leq 1$  and  $n = |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| + \beta$ :** It appears in the definition of  $c$  (in Theorem 1). In view of the bound (17) which is uniform in  $\mathbf{z}$  and using property (iv) of Section 4, we get

$$\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} \|g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)\|_{\Psi_\gamma} = \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} \| |g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)| \|_{\Psi_\gamma} \leq \left\| \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} + \Lambda \left[ \|\cdot\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} \right] \right\|_{\Psi_{\alpha/n}}.$$

- **The term  $\left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} |g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma}$ :** It shows up in the exponential bound (11). We invoke the maximal inequality for the  $\gamma$ -Orlicz norm (item (viii) of Section 4) with the previous estimate to obtain

$$\left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} |g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)| \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \leq \left[ \frac{\log(1+M)}{\log(3/2)} \right]^{n/\alpha} \left\| \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} + \Lambda \left[ \|\cdot\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} \right] \right\|_{\Psi_{\alpha/n}}.$$

- **The term  $\mathbb{E} [\max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} |g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)|]$ :** It appears in the definition of  $c$ . Using properties (iii) and (v) of Section 4 and the convexification of  $\Psi_\gamma$ , we directly get

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{m \in [M]} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in S_\Delta} |g_{\mathbf{z}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_m)| \right] \leq \left( \Psi_{\alpha/n}^{(l)} \right)^{-1} (1) \left[ \frac{\log(1+M)}{\log(3/2)} \right]^{n/\alpha} \left\| \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} + \Lambda \left[ \|\cdot\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} \right] \right\|_{\Psi_{\alpha/n}}.$$

Collecting the different bounds we obtain (13) by setting

$$C_{\text{RFF}}(n) := \max \left( 8eC_D \sqrt{d} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\omega} \sim \Lambda} [L^2(\boldsymbol{\omega})]}, \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\omega} \sim \Lambda} [\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^{2|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|}], \right. \\ \left. 1 \vee \left( \left( \Psi_{\alpha/n}^{(l)} \right)^{-1} (1) [\log(3/2)]^{-n/\alpha} \right) \left\| \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} + \Lambda \left[ \|\cdot\|_2^{|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|} \right] \right\|_{\Psi_{\alpha/n}} \right). \quad (42)$$

Long (but standard) computations show that  $C_{\text{RFF}}(n)$  is uniformly bounded for  $n \in [|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}|, |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| + 1]$ , and thus we can set  $C_{\text{RFF}} := \sup_{n \in [|\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|, |\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}|+1]} C_{\text{RFF}}(n)$ .

### 5.7 Proofs of Corollary 3 and 4

Corollary 3 with the existence of  $\tilde{C} \in \mathbb{R}^+$  is a direct consequence of Theorem 1 combined with Remark 2(v), in particular because  $C_{\text{RFF}}$  does not depend on  $S_\Delta$  and  $M$ , and  $K_\gamma$  can

be bounded uniformly in  $n \in [|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}|, |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| + 1]$ . The Talagrand constant  $C_\gamma$  is uniformly bounded w.r.t.  $\gamma$  provided that  $\gamma$  is bounded away from 0, see the proof of Talagrand (1989, Theorem 3).

Now let us prove Corollary 4; set  $\varepsilon_M = \frac{(\sqrt{6\tilde{C}\vee\tilde{C}})\sqrt{(1+[\log|(S_M)_\Delta|]_+)\vee\log(1+M)}}{\sqrt{M}}$ . Observe that

- (i)  $\varepsilon_M$  satisfies the lower bound requirement on  $\varepsilon$  in Corollary 3;
- (ii) by assumption  $\varepsilon_M \rightarrow 0$  as  $M \rightarrow 0$  by using that  $|S_\Delta| \leq 2|S|$ ;
- (iii) therefore

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \varepsilon_M \left[ \log \left( \frac{\tilde{C}}{\varepsilon_M} \right) \vee \log(1 + M) \right]^{1/\gamma} &\leq 1 + \varepsilon_M \left( \left[ \log \left( \frac{\tilde{C}}{\varepsilon_M} \right) \right]^{1/\gamma} + [\log(1 + M)]^{1/\gamma} \right) \\ &\leq 2 + \varepsilon_M [\log(1 + M)]^{1/\gamma} \end{aligned}$$

for  $M$  large enough;

$$(iv) \quad \varepsilon_M \geq \frac{(\sqrt{6\tilde{C}\vee\tilde{C}})\sqrt{\log(1+M)}}{\sqrt{M}}.$$

As a consequence of (iii) and (iv), setting  $\delta_M := \frac{1+([\log|(S_M)_\Delta|]_+)\vee 1}{\log(1+M)}$ , we get (for  $M$  large enough)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M \varepsilon_M^2}{\tilde{C} \left( 1 + \varepsilon_M \left[ \log \left( \frac{\tilde{C}}{\varepsilon_M} \right) \vee \log(1 + M) \right]^{1/\gamma} \right)} &\geq \frac{6\tilde{C} \log(1 + M) \delta_M}{\tilde{C} \left[ 2 + \frac{(\sqrt{6\tilde{C}\vee\tilde{C}})\sqrt{\delta_M}[\log(1+M)]^{1/2+1/\gamma}}{\sqrt{M}} \right]} \\ &= 6 \log(1 + M) \frac{\delta_M}{2 + z_M \sqrt{\delta_M}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $z_M = \frac{(\sqrt{6\tilde{C}\vee\tilde{C}})[\log(1+M)]^{1/2+1/\gamma}}{\sqrt{M}} \xrightarrow{M \rightarrow \infty} 0$ . Since the function  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^+ \mapsto \frac{\delta}{2+z_M\sqrt{\delta}}$  is increasing and  $\delta_M \geq 1$ , we get (for  $M$  large enough)

$$\frac{M \varepsilon_M^2}{\tilde{C} \left( 1 + \varepsilon_M \left[ \log \left( \frac{\tilde{C}}{\varepsilon_M} \right) \vee \log(1 + M) \right]^{1/\gamma} \right)} \geq 6 \log(1 + M) \frac{1}{3}.$$

On the other hand, using (iv), we easily get  $\frac{(M\varepsilon_M)^\gamma}{C \log(1+M)} \geq \frac{[(\sqrt{6\tilde{C}\vee\tilde{C}})\sqrt{\log(1+M)}\sqrt{M}]^\gamma}{C \log(1+M)} \geq 2 \log(1 + M)$  for  $M$  large enough.

To sum up, in view of (14), we have proved (still for large enough  $M$ )

$$\Lambda^M \left( \left\| \widehat{\partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k} - \partial^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} k \right\|_{S_M} \geq \varepsilon_M \right) \leq \frac{2}{(1 + M)^2} + \frac{1}{(1 + M)^2}$$

and by the Borell-Cantelli lemma, we conclude to the a.s. convergence (15).

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## Appendix A. Additional Proofs

### A.1 $\Psi_\gamma^{(l)}$ , the Convexification of $\Psi_\gamma$

In the proof of Theorem 1 an integral control with *convex*  $\Psi$  (see Section 4(v)) is beneficial/applied. However,  $\Psi_\gamma$  is not convex for  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ . To handle this issue, we convexify  $\Psi_\gamma(x) = e^{x^\gamma} - 1$  in case of  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  for 'small' values of the argument.<sup>8</sup>

- By computing the derivatives of  $\Psi_\gamma$  we get that it is convex iff  $x \geq x_\gamma := \left(\frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi'_\gamma(x) &= \gamma x^{\gamma-1} e^{x^\gamma}, \\ \Psi''_\gamma(x) &= \gamma e^{x^\gamma} [(\gamma-1)x^{\gamma-2} + x^{\gamma-1}\gamma x^{\gamma-1}] \Rightarrow \\ \Psi''_\gamma(x) &= 0 \Leftrightarrow x = x_\gamma, \quad \Psi''_\gamma(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x > x_\gamma, \quad \Psi''_\gamma(x) < 0 \Leftrightarrow x < x_\gamma.\end{aligned}$$

- We also have to make sure that  $\Psi_\gamma^{(l)}$ , constructed as the line connecting  $(0, 0)$  with  $(x, \Psi_\gamma(x))$  glued to  $\Psi_\gamma|_{[x, \infty)}$ , gives a convex function, for a suitable choice of  $x$ . A geometric argument shows that it is enough to choose  $x \geq x_\gamma (> 0)$  such that

$$\frac{\Psi_\gamma(x)}{x} \leq \Psi'_\gamma(x) \Leftrightarrow e^{x^\gamma} - 1 \leq \gamma x^\gamma e^{x^\gamma}.$$

Since the r.h.s. is higher order than the l.h.s., the requirement can be satisfied for large enough  $x$ ; we can choose

$$\tilde{x}_\gamma := \inf \{x \geq x_\gamma : e^{x^\gamma} - 1 \leq \gamma x^\gamma e^{x^\gamma}\},$$

and define

$$\Psi_\gamma^{(l)}(x) := \begin{cases} \frac{\Psi_\gamma(\tilde{x}_\gamma)}{\tilde{x}_\gamma} x & \text{if } x \in [0, \tilde{x}_\gamma), \\ \Psi_\gamma(x) & \text{if } x \in [\tilde{x}_\gamma, \infty). \end{cases}$$

Notice that by construction  $\Psi_\gamma^{(l)} \leq \Psi_\gamma$ .

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8. For  $\gamma = 1$ ,  $\Psi_\gamma^{(l)} = \Psi_\gamma$ .

### A.2 Proof of Remark 5(ii)

$\omega_i \in L_{\Psi_{\alpha_i}}$  means that  $\mathbb{E}_{\omega_i \sim \Lambda_i} [e^{s_i |\omega_i|^{\alpha_i}}] < \infty$  for some  $s_i \in \mathbb{R}^+$  ( $\forall i \in [d]$ ). Let  $\alpha = \min_{i \in [d]} \alpha_i$  and  $\|\omega\|_{\alpha} := \left( \sum_{i \in [d]} |\omega_i|^{\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ . Then  $\|\omega\|_2 \leq \sqrt{d} \sup_{i \in [d]} |\omega_i| \leq \sqrt{d} \|\omega\|_{\alpha}$  ( $\forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ). Notice that  $|\omega_i|^{\alpha} \leq |\omega_i|^{\alpha_i}$  if  $|\omega_i| \geq 1$  and  $|\omega_i|^{\alpha} \leq 1$  otherwise, i.e. we have  $|\omega_i|^{\alpha} \leq |\omega_i|^{\alpha_i} + 1$  for any  $\omega_i \in \mathbb{R}$ . This means that taking  $s = \min_{i \in [d]} s_i$  and  $\tilde{s} := \frac{s}{d^{\alpha/2}} > 0$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \|\omega\|_2^{\alpha} &\leq d^{\alpha/2} \|\omega\|_{\alpha}^{\alpha} = d^{\alpha/2} \sum_{i \in [d]} |\omega_i|^{\alpha} \leq d^{\alpha/2} \sum_{i \in [d]} (|\omega_i|^{\alpha_i} + 1), \\ \mathbb{E}_{\omega} \left[ e^{\tilde{s} \|\omega\|_2^{\alpha}} \right] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{\omega} \left[ e^{s \sum_{i \in [d]} (|\omega_i|^{\alpha_i} + 1)} \right] \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \prod_{i \in [d]} \left( \mathbb{E}_{\omega_i} \left[ e^{s |\omega_i|^{\alpha_i}} \right] e^s \right) \leq \prod_{i \in [d]} \left( \mathbb{E}_{\omega_i} \left[ e^{s_i |\omega_i|^{\alpha_i}} \right] e^s \right) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the independence of  $\omega_i$ -s in (\*). We got that  $\mathbb{E}_{\omega \sim \Lambda} \left[ e^{\tilde{s} \|\omega\|_2^{\alpha}} \right] < \infty$  which implies that  $\omega \in L_{\Psi_{\alpha}}$ .

### A.3 Proof of the Properties in Section 4 about the Orlicz Norm

- **Properties (i)-(iv)**: These properties are well-known and directly follow from the definition of the Orlicz norm.
- **Property (v)**: The case  $\|X\|_{\Psi} = 0$  gives a trivial inequality and can be discarded. Since  $\Psi$  is bounded from below by an increasing affine function,  $X \in L_{\Psi}$  implies that  $X$  is integrable. Combining (i) with Jensen's inequality gives  $\Psi \left( \frac{\mathbb{E}[\|X\|_2]}{\|X\|_{\Psi}} \right) \leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \Psi \left( \frac{\|X\|_2}{\|X\|_{\Psi}} \right) \right] \leq 1$ , and the result follows.
- **Property (vi)**: It is well-known that the usual triangle inequality holds for  $\alpha \geq 1$ . We now focus on the case  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Set  $c := (\|X\|_{\Psi_{\alpha}}^{\alpha} + \|X'\|_{\Psi_{\alpha}}^{\alpha})^{1/\alpha}$ ,  $p := \frac{c^{\alpha}}{\|X\|_{\Psi_{\alpha}}^{\alpha}}$  and  $q := \frac{c^{\alpha}}{\|X'\|_{\Psi_{\alpha}}^{\alpha}}$ , and notice that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Then, combining (24) with  $\gamma = \alpha \in (0, 1)$  and the Hölder inequality with the conjugate exponents  $(p, q)$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{\left( \frac{m \wedge \|X + X'\|_2}{c} \right)^{\alpha}} \right] &\leq \limsup_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{\left( \frac{m \wedge \|X\|_2}{c} \right)^{\alpha}} e^{\left( \frac{m \wedge \|X'\|_2}{c} \right)^{\alpha}} \right] \\ &\leq \left( \limsup_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{m \wedge \frac{p \|X\|_2^{\alpha}}{c^{\alpha}}} \right] \right)^{1/p} \left( \limsup_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{m \wedge \frac{q \|X'\|_2^{\alpha}}{c^{\alpha}}} \right] \right)^{1/q} \\ &\stackrel{\text{item (i)}}{\leq} 2^{1/p} 2^{1/q} = 2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $X + X' \in L_{\Psi_{\alpha}}$  and  $\|X + X'\|_{\Psi_{\alpha}} \leq c$  by the definition of the  $\alpha$ -Orlicz norm. Applying (24) with  $\gamma = 1/\alpha$  we get  $c \leq 2^{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}-1\right)+} (\|X\|_{\Psi_{\alpha}} + \|X'\|_{\Psi_{\alpha}})$  and hence the claimed result is proved.

- **Property (vii)**: This is a direct consequence of the Markov inequality.
- **Property (viii)**: A similar statement was proved by van der Vaart and Wellner (1996, Lemma 2.2.2), but under the assumption that  $\Psi_{\alpha}$  is convex (which holds only if  $\alpha \geq 1$ ) and without explicit constant. Our statement is valid for any  $\alpha > 0$  with explicit control.

- **A first inequality:** Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . We claim that for any  $x_0 > 0$  and any  $x, y \geq 1$ , we have

$$\Psi_\alpha\left(x_0^{1/\alpha}x\right) \Psi_\alpha\left(x_0^{1/\alpha}y\right) \leq \Psi_\alpha\left(x_0^{1/\alpha}\right) \Psi_\alpha\left(x_0^{1/\alpha}xy\right). \quad (43)$$

Because  $\Psi_\alpha(x) = \Psi_1(x^\alpha)$  where  $\Psi_1(x) =: \Psi(x) = e^x - 1$ , the inequality for  $\alpha = 1$  clearly implies those for all  $\alpha > 0$ . To prove the inequality for  $\alpha = 1$ , let  $x_0$  and  $x$  be fixed, and set  $H(y) = \Psi(x_0)\Psi(x_0xy) - \Psi(x_0x) \Psi(x_0y)$ . One has

$$\begin{aligned} H'(y) &= x_0x\Psi(x_0)e^{x_0xy} - x_0\Psi(x_0x)e^{x_0y} \\ &= x_0^2xe^{x_0}e^{x_0x} \left[ \frac{\Psi(x_0)}{x_0e^{x_0}}e^{x_0x(y-1)} - \frac{\Psi(x_0x)}{x_0xe^{x_0x}}e^{x_0(y-1)} \right], \\ \frac{\Psi(x_0)}{x_0e^{x_0}} &= \frac{1 - e^{-x_0}}{x_0} = \int_0^1 e^{-ux_0} du \geq \int_0^1 e^{-ux_0x} du = \frac{\Psi(x_0x)}{x_0xe^{x_0x}}, \\ e^{x_0x(y-1)} &\geq e^{x_0(y-1)}, \end{aligned}$$

where we used  $x_0 > 0$ ,  $x, y \geq 1$  at the two last inequalities. This shows that  $H'(y) \geq 0$ , and since  $H(1) = 0$  we have  $H(y) \geq 0$  for any  $y \geq 1$ . Consequently, (43) is proved.

- **Final maximal inequality:** We follow the arguments of van der Vaart and Wellner (1996, Lemma 2.2.2) with slight modifications. The inequality (43) can be rewritten as

$$\Psi_\alpha(x) \leq \Psi_\alpha\left(x_0^{1/\alpha}\right) \Psi_\alpha\left(xy/x_0^{1/\alpha}\right) / \Psi_\alpha(y), \quad \forall x, y \geq x_0^{1/\alpha}. \quad (44)$$

Set  $c = \max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_{\Psi_\alpha} / x_0^{1/\alpha}$  and let  $y \geq x_0^{1/\alpha}$ .

- \* If  $\frac{\max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_2}{cy} \leq x_0^{1/\alpha}$ , then we have the crude bound  $\Psi_\alpha\left(\frac{\max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_2}{cy}\right) \leq \Psi_\alpha\left(x_0^{1/\alpha}\right) = \Psi(x_0)$ .
- \* If  $\frac{\max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_2}{cy} \geq x_0^{1/\alpha}$ , then (44) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_\alpha\left(\frac{\max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_2}{cy}\right) &\leq \Psi(x_0) \Psi_\alpha\left(\frac{\max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_2}{\max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_{\Psi_\alpha}}\right) / \Psi_\alpha(y) \\ &\leq \sum_{m \in [M]} \Psi(x_0) \Psi_\alpha(\|X_m\|_2 / \|X_m\|_{\Psi_\alpha}) / \Psi_\alpha(y). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, in both cases we have

$$\Psi_\alpha\left(\frac{\max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_2}{cy}\right) \leq \Psi(x_0) \left[ 1 + \sum_{m \in [M]} \Psi_\alpha(\|X_m\|_2 / \|X_m\|_{\Psi_\alpha}) / \Psi_\alpha(y) \right].$$

Taking expectation and using Property (i), we arrive at  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \Psi_\alpha\left(\frac{\max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_2}{cy}\right) \right] \leq \Psi(x_0) \left[ 1 + \frac{M}{\Psi_\alpha(y)} \right]$ . Let us choose  $x_0$  such that  $\Psi(x_0) < 1$ . In this case the choice  $y = x_0^{1/\alpha} \vee \Psi_\alpha^{-1}\left(\frac{M}{1/\Psi(x_0)-1}\right)$  ensures that the above bound is valid and smaller than 1.

Consequently, by the definition of  $\alpha$ -Orlicz norm, we get  $\|\max_{m \in [M]} \|X_m\|_2\|_{\Psi_\alpha} \leq cy$ . The choice  $x_0 = \log(3/2)$  satisfies the previous requirement:  $\Psi(x_0) = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ . In this case  $y = [\log(3/2) \vee \log(1 + M)]^{1/\alpha} = [\log(1 + M)]^{1/\alpha}$  since  $M \geq 1$ . We have obtained the claimed Property (viii).

## Appendix B. Special Functions

Name	Definition
Modified Bessel function of the first kind	$J_a(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n! \Gamma(n+a+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+a}$
Modified Bessel function of the second kind	$K_a(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{J_{-a}(x) - J_a(x)}{\sin(a\pi)}$
Fox-Wright generalized hyperbolic function	${}_1\Psi_1((a, A); (b, B); x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\Gamma(a+An)}{\Gamma(b+Bn)} \frac{x^n}{n!}$
(Imaginary) error function	$\operatorname{erfi}(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{n!(2n+1)}$
Kummer's confluent hypergeometric function	${}_1F_1(a; b; x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{a^{(n)} x^n}{b^{(n)} n!}$
Polylogarithm function	$\operatorname{Li}_a(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \frac{x^n}{n^a}$
Ordinary hyperbolic function	${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{a^{(n)} b^{(n)} z^n}{c^{(n)} n!}$

Table 4: Definition of special functions.  $J_a(x), K_a(x)$ :  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a$  is non-integer; when  $a$  is an integer the limit is taken.  ${}_1\Psi_1((a, A); (b, B); x)$ :  $a \in \mathbb{R}^+, b \in \mathbb{R}^+, x \in \mathbb{R}, A \in \mathbb{R}^+, B \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $1 + B > A$ ;  ${}_1\Psi_1((a, 1); (b, 1); x) = \frac{\Gamma(a)}{\Gamma(b)} {}_1F_1(a; b; x)$ .  $\operatorname{erfi}(x)$ :  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .  ${}_1F_1(a; b; x)$ :  $a \in \mathbb{R}^+, b \in \mathbb{R}^+, x \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\operatorname{Li}_a(x)$ :  $a \in \mathbb{R}, x \in \mathbb{R}, |x| < 1$ .  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$ :  $a \in \mathbb{C}, b \in \mathbb{C}, c \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}^{\leq 0}, z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $|z| < 1$ ; for  $|z| \geq 1$  its analytical continuation is taken. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a^{(n)}$  is the rising factorial of  $a$  defined as  $a^{(n)} = \frac{\Gamma(a+n)}{\Gamma(a)}$  where  $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}^{\leq 0}$  and  $a+n \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}^{\leq 0}$ .

## Appendix C. External Statements

In this subsection we state external statements which were used to derive our results. Below  $B$  stands for a separable Banach space,  $L_p(B)$  is the space of  $B$ -valued  $p$ -integrable functions. The norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\Psi_\alpha}$  is defined analogously to  $\mathbb{R}^d$  by changing  $\|\cdot\|_2$  to  $\|\cdot\|_B$ .

**Theorem 6 (Hoffman-Jorgensen inequality, Ledoux and Talagrand 2013, Proposition 6.8)** *Let  $p > 0$ ,  $M \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $(Y_m)_{m \in [M]}$  be independent random variables in  $L_p(B)$ ,  $S_m := \sum_{j=1}^m Y_j$  for  $m \in [M]$ ,  $t_0 = \inf \{t > 0 : \mathbb{P}(\max_{1 \leq m \leq M} \|S_m\|_B > t)\} \leq (2 \times 4^p)^{-1}$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{m \in [M]} \|S_m\|_B^p \right] \leq 2 \times 4^p \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{m \in [M]} \|Y_m\|_B^p \right] + 2(4t_0)^p.$$

**Theorem 7 (Talagrand, 1989, Theorem 3)** *Let  $\gamma \in (0, 1]$ . Then, there is a constant  $C_\gamma$  such that for all finite sequence  $(Y_m)_{m \in [M]}$  of independent, mean zero, integrable random*



variables in  $L_{\Psi_\gamma}(B)$ , we have

$$\left\| \sum_{m \in [M]} Y_m \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \leq C_\gamma \left( \left\| \sum_{m \in [M]} Y_m \right\|_{L_1(B)} + \left\| \max_{m \in [M]} \|Y_m\|_B \right\|_{\Psi_\gamma} \right). \quad (45)$$

**Theorem 8 (Klein-Rio inequality for supremum of empirical process, Klein and Rio 2005, Theorems 1.1-1.2)** Let  $M \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $(X_m)_{m \in [M]}$  be independent  $B$ -valued random variables, and  $\mathcal{F}$  a countable set of  $\mathbf{f} := (f_1, \dots, f_M)$  measurable functions from  $B$  into  $[-c, c]^M$  such that  $\mathbb{E}[f_m(X_m)] = 0$  for all  $m \in [M]$ . Define  $Z := \sup_{\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in [M]} f_m(X_m)$ ,  $\sigma^2 := \frac{1}{M} \sup_{\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{m \in [M]} f_m^2(X_m) \right]$ . Then, for any  $t \geq 0$  the following right and left-hand sided deviation inequalities hold

$$\mathbb{P}(Z - \mathbb{E}[Z] \geq t) \leq e^{-\frac{Mt^2}{2(\sigma^2 + 2c \mathbb{E}[Z]) + 3ct}}, \quad \mathbb{P}(Z - \mathbb{E}[Z] \leq -t) \leq e^{-\frac{Mt^2}{2(\sigma^2 + 2c \mathbb{E}[Z]) + 2ct}}.$$

**Theorem 9 (Dudley entropy integral bound)<sup>9</sup>** Let  $\{Z_t : t \in T\}$  be a zero-mean separable stochastic process that is sub-Gaussian w.r.t. a pseudo-metric  $d$  on the indexing set  $T$ , in other words for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$   $\mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda(Z_t - Z_s)}] \leq e^{\frac{\lambda^2 d(s,t)^2}{2}}$  ( $\forall s, t \in T$ ). Then there exists a universal constant  $C_D$  such that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{t \in T} Z_t \right] \leq C_D \int_0^\infty \sqrt{\log N(\varepsilon, d, T)} d\varepsilon, \quad (46)$$

where  $N(\varepsilon, d, T)$  denotes the covering number.

**Theorem 10 (Alzer 1997, Theorem 1)<sup>10</sup>** Let  $\gamma \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\beta_\gamma := \Gamma \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right)^{-\gamma}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ ,  $I_\gamma(x) := \int_0^x e^{-t^\gamma} dt$ . Then  $(1 - e^{-\beta_\gamma x^\gamma})^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \leq \frac{I_\gamma(x)}{\Gamma(1+1/\gamma)} \leq (1 - e^{-x^\gamma})^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$ .

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